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8/18/58

SAC, NEW YORK (100-9352)

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On 8/14/58, NY 694-Su advised SA [redacted] that on 8/12/58, JAMES JACKSON, CPUSA Secretary for Negro Affairs, told him that A. B. MAGIL is no longer a paid CP functionary and is presently vacationing in New England. b6 b7C

According to NY 694-Su, MAGIL is out of favor with the CP. In June, he wrote an article on "The Yugoslav Question" which "The Worker" declined to print. (Copies furnished to Bureau separately under caption "CPUSA - FACTIONALISM, IS-C"). JACKSON stated that he believes MAGIL has been trying to obtain employment in one of the Yugoslav agencies in the U. S., and that the article he wrote undoubtedly was an attempt to ingratiate himself with the Yugoslavs.

FD 122 is being submitted to reflect MAGIL's unemployed status.

Since MAGIL no longer holds any position with the CP or with "THE WORKER", his name is being deleted from the Key Figure list in this office. Future correspondence will bear the character SECURITY MATTER-C.

Efforts will be made to determine whether subject obtains new employment and an up to date report will be submitted.

- 2 - Bureau (100-18314) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-9352) (7-1)
- 1 - New York (100-96900) (7-6) #DM
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On 8/12/58, NY 694-S\* made available to SA [redacted] a copy of an article entitled "The Yugoslav Question", by A.B. MACIL, together with a letter from MACIL addressed "Dear Comrade", dated 7/25/58, in which he states that the article had been rejected by "The Worker".

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Informant advised that this material was obtained from JAMES JACKSON, Secretary of Southern Region, CP, USA. In the event this information is disseminated, care should be taken to protect the source's identity.

Two photostats of the above material are enclosed for the Bureau's information.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-88) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-8352) (MACIL) (7-1) (Attachment)
- 1 - New York (134-91) (Invs) (Attachment)
- 1 - New York (100-87211) (7-5) (Attachment)

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210 West 107 Street  
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July 25, 1958

Dear Comrade:

The enclosed article was submitted to The Worker on Monday, June 30. It was rejected one week later. The reason given me was that it would arouse discussion. Since I have been unable to find any ban on discussion either in the classics of Marxism-Leninism or the constitution of the Communist Party of the USA, I am sending this article to the members of the Party's National Committee and to others who I think might want to read it.

If you care to send me any comments, they will be welcome. You are free to show the article to any who may be interested.

Fraternally,

/s/ A.B. Magil

P.S.--Since this article was written, the Soviet Union has offered to open negotiations with Yugoslavia on the cancelled credits and the German Democratic Republic has signed an agreement with Yugoslavia expanding trade between them. These may be straws in the wind indicating that the worst extremes of the past will be avoided.

## THE YUGOSLAV QUESTION

by A. B. Magill

The State Department and the big business press are once more shedding tears over "poor little Yugoslavia." Those whose "good neighbor" policy elicited the hot-foot for Vice-President Nixon when he dared to show his face in certain Latin American capitals are now busy denouncing Soviet "imperialism" and "ruthlessness."

That the enemies of socialism seize every opportunity to exploit any rift that appears among the socialist countries is only natural. The question remains, however, whether the rift itself, at least in a sharp form, is avoidable, and whether the methods employed in dealing with it are all they should be.

It is now a little more than three years since Nikita Khrushchev journeyed to Belgrade and told a tale that was hard to believe: that all the charges hurled against the Yugoslav leaders during the preceding seven years had been "fabricated" by Beria and other "agents of imperialism." The Yugoslav record, Khrushchev implied, was stainless, and he described the Yugoslav League of Communists as having a common bond with the Soviet Communist Party in that both were based on the teachings of Marxism-Leninism.

Three years later almost to the day Khrushchev made another speech which was no less hard to believe--if only because it bore such a startling resemblance to the charges he had previously repudiated as "fabricated." In his more recent statement Khrushchev depicted Tito and his colleagues as "The Trojan horse of the enemies of communism and denounced them as 'the spies of the imperialist camp'." (New York Times, June 4).

This writer found it difficult to buy the 1955 Khrushchev's portrayal of the Yugoslav leaders as angels. He finds it even more difficult to buy the 1958 Khrushchev's portrayal of them as devils. It seems to me that in considering the Yugoslav question, American Marxists would do well to avoid that "oversimplified approach to and... uncritical acceptance of many views of Marxists and Marxist parties in other countries" which was habitual in the past and which the main resolution of the 16th national convention of the US Communist Party deplored.

It will not do simply to repeat what Moscow and Peking say about the Yugoslavs, important as their comments may be. Nothing can relieve New York and Chicago and San Francisco of the responsibility of making their own independent estimate of the Yugoslav question as of all questions that affect the American people and the American movement for socialism.

To do this we have to know the facts. There is much beneath the surface of the Yugoslav controversy that we can only guess at. But certainly we don't have to guess at that which is on the table--or rely on others' opinions of it. There is available for the asking not only Chapter III of the Yugoslav draft program, which Eugene Dennis discussed in his recent report to the national executive committee of the Communist Party (The Workers, June 15), but also the text of Tito's report to the Communist League congress in April, the text of Kardelj's report on the new program, and other material.

The complete draft program is also on file at the Yugoslav Information Center in New York. It is a very long document. In the brief time,



I was able to spare I concentrated on the controversial passages, which constitute only a small part of the program.

The opening chapter attempts to grapple with postwar developments in the contemporary monopoly capitalist state. It ought to be said that the world Communist movement has failed dismally to do what Lenin did more than 40 years ago in regard to the imperialist system and state of his day: study the facts--which are not precisely the same as they were 40 years ago--and generalize from them.

In their draft program the Yugoslavs try to do this. I would give them "a" for effort, but flunk them on performance. The program sees the monopoly capitalist state as an increasingly independent force vis-a-vis both big business and the workers. And the state apparatus, "in its striving to acquire its own independent functions," says the draft program, "places itself over and above society, and tends increasingly to restrict the role of private capital and that of the working class."

In defending this thesis Kardelj cites the well known passage in Frederick Engels' "Origin of the Family," in which he spoke of "exceptional periods...when the warring classes are so nearly equal in forces that the state power, as apparent mediator, acquires for the moment a certain independence in relation to both." (Emphasis mine--A.B.M.) Engels gave as examples the absolute monarchy of the 17th and 18th centuries, Bonapartism of the First and especially the Second French Empire (early and mid-19th century), and the German Empire under Bismarck.

Lenin in "State and Revolution" added to Engels' list the example of the Kerensky regime in Russia during a certain period in 1917.

Kardelj's analogy is mechanical. Engels spoke of exceptional and temporary periods. What's more: in all the instances he cited and in the one added by Lenin the ruling classes, whether feudal or capitalist, were weak, either because they were on the way out or were still on the way in. While historically the present American and British ruling classes are certainly on the way to the scrap-heap it is absurd to think they are today so weak in relation to the working class as to be unable to control the state apparatus.

I don't think many American trade unionists will buy the idea that the Eisenhower Administration, with its billionaire cabinet and its vicuna-coated officials, is an independent force restricting General Motors equally with the United Automobile Workers.

In my opinion the Yugoslav Communist views on the contemporary monopoly capitalist state, with their implications of equality between workers and capitalists, are false and potentially dangerous. And the method employed in presenting these views is, to say the least, unusual: no data are given, no capitalist state is mentioned by name; the reader is offered a series of abstract conclusions without learning the evidence on which they are supposedly based. This is alien to the method of Marx, Engels and Lenin. It is alien to non-Marxist scientific method as well.

The tendency to equate capitalists and workers is carried over into the discussion of foreign policy in Chapter III of the Yugoslav program. It takes the form of at times placing the imperialist NATO bloc on the same level as the socialist Warsaw Pact bloc. However, the Yugoslav program departs from this false equation when it states that

the Warsaw Pact is "a natural defense reaction to the creation of the Atlantic Pact," and that "the socialist countries have made a number of steps and proposals in the direction of relaxation of international tensions." This part of the Yugoslav program also comes out strongly for peaceful co-existence, but it basically tends to see the war danger as stemming from the existence of two blocs.

These muddled and harmful views appear in an even worse form in Tito's report. He puts the blame for the creation of NATO on "Stalin's inflexible and unnecessarily menacing foreign policy." And as the sole example of big-power domination over other peoples in the postwar period he gives "Stalin's protracted pressure against Yugoslavia."

Certainly the crimes and mistakes of Stalin's latter years also affected foreign affairs. But to convert into its opposite the basic Soviet peace policy with all its weaknesses is to falsify history. However, once he gets past the Stalin question, Tito develops his discussion of international affairs in a way that for the most part is positive and in line with Soviet positions on key issues.

Clearly the Yugoslav program and some of the speeches at the congress deserve sharp criticism, but it ought to be in a fraternal spirit. "We intend to continue our debate with the League of Communists of Yugoslavia as with comrades," wrote Nepszabadsag, Hungarian Communist paper, even after the atmosphere had become charged (NY Times, June 5). Unfortunately the Soviet and Chinese Communists, for reasons which are still obscure, think differently. And events have not borne out the statement in Dennis' report that this time the Yugoslav controversy is being handled differently and that the socialist governments "will undoubtedly strive to maintain normal and friendly diplomatic relations" with Yugoslavia.

The charges of "Trojan horse" and "imperialist agents", the cancellation of the promised \$285,000,000 Soviet credits to Yugoslavia, and the linking of the Yugoslavs with Imre Nagy (as once they were linked with Rajk and Slansky) are harsh reminders of a past that did much harm to Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union and the cause of socialism everywhere.

Yugoslavia's response to this campaign--the arrest of Yugoslav citizens suspected to pro-Soviet views and Tito's scurrilous speech attacking the leaders of People's China--are also resurrections of that harmful past.

In my opinion American Marxists can best combat the State Department's attempt to exploit this situation if they judge the facts objectively and avoid covering up the mistakes of either side in the controversy. To reject the wrong views of the Yugoslavs does not require embracing methods which may only repeat admitted errors of the past.

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Date: 8/20/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION  
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting  
the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 8/20/58, CG 5824-S\*, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [REDACTED]  
of the NYO of activities at CP National Headquarters, 23 West  
26th Street, NYC, on 8/19/58.

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3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)  
3 - Chicago - (100-33741) (CP, USA-ORGANIZATION) (INFO) (RM)  
    (1 - 134-46) (CG 5824-S\*)  
    - (1 - 100- ) (MORRIS-CHILDS)  
1 - Cleveland (100-4212) (HYMAN LUMER) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - NY 134-91 (INV) (INFO) (7-5)  
1 - NY 66-6989 (CG 5824-S\*) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-88123 (CP, USA - UNITED NATIONS) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (7-6)  
1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (7-1)  
1 - NY 100-13444 (JOE NORTH) (7-4)  
1 - NY 100-21431 (MARTIN YOUNG) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-80641 (7-5)

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CG 5824-S\* advised that a meeting of the resident NEC of the CP, USA was held during the afternoon and evening of 8/19/58 at CP National Headquarters, in which the following four reports were discussed:

- 1) Present status of the economy.
- 2) Activity of the ultra-left and actions to be taken.
- 3) A protest to the United Nations regarding the oppression of Negroes in the U. S. (Informant noted that present plans indicate that this protest will not be made in the name of the CP, USA.)
- 4) The Harlem campaign to place the name of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., on the ballot for the NY State Senate on the ticket of the People's Rights Party. (Informant commented that although the CP has not received as many signatures on their petitions to place the name of DAVIS on the ballot, they believe the campaign is "going over with a bang" because of the most enthusiastic reception and welcome given to the Communist campaigners in Harlem.)

CG 5824-S\* identified the following individuals as present at the above NEC meeting:

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

~~ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN~~

ROBERT THOMPSON

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

JACK STACHEL

MORRIS CHILDS

HYMAN LUMER.

When the matter of the ultra-left was discussed, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was invited into the meeting to participate; when the UN matter was discussed, WILLIAM PATTERSON was invited to participate, and when the Harlem campaign was discussed, PATTERSON and JOSEPH NORTH were asked to participate to discuss means by which this campaign would be handled in "The Worker."

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CG 5824-S\* stated that EUGENE DENNIS indicated to MORRIS CHILDS on 8/19/58 that he desires the latter to spend "some weeks" in NYC in the "immediate future" for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to CP discipline, finances and audit. DENNIS indicated that the CP, USA would attempt to contact individually members of the ultra-left faction to determine their CP status and if they may be regained for the CP, USA, and indicated that MORRIS CHILDS would be involved directly in this matter.

EUGENE DENNIS also advised MORRIS CHILDS, according to the informant, that he desired CHILDS to be present in NYC when IRVING POTASH was released from prison (scheduled on 8/26/58), so that CHILDS could participate in the interview of POTASH in an effort to determine the circumstances regarding POTASH's re-entry into the USA and his subsequent arrest by the FBI.

CG 5824-S\* on 8/19/58 also had conferences with ROBERT THOMPSON and MARTIN YOUNG, and tentatively has scheduled approximately six appointments for 8/20/58.

CG 5824-S\* advised that he has tentative plans to leave NYC for Chicago on either 8/21 or 8/22/58, depending upon his activity in NYC. In this connection, it is noted that CG 5824-S\* expressed that he was exceptionally tired and needed a rest in the immediate future, although he felt the CP would not permit him to take a vacation at this time.

Because of his busy schedule and in view of the obvious tired condition of CG 5824-S\*, the NYO did not press informant for further details regarding his activities in NYC on 8/19/58. The Bureau and Chicago Division will be kept advised of further details as received.

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SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION  
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Remytel to Bureau and Chicago captioned NY 694-S\*,  
dated 8/14/58.

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the  
following information to protect identity of informant.

On 8/19/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information  
to SA [redacted] of the NYO regarding informant's trip to Maine  
in the period 8/15-18/58, wherein he accompanied CG 5824-S\* in  
a contact with EUGENE DENNIS.

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)  
(1 - 100-428091)(SOLO)
- 1 - Boston (100- ) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (RM) (INFO)
- 3 - Chicago (134-46-Sub B)(SOLO)(RM)  
(1 - 134-46)(CG 5824-S\*)  
(1 - 100-33741)(CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
- ① - NY 134-91 (INV)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-134637 (SOLO)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-93796 (PEGGY DENNIS)(12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-81338 (CP, USA - SECURITY MEASURES)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-128861 (CP, USA - RESERVE FUNDS)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50873 [redacted] (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-26915 [redacted] (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (7-5)

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NY 694-S\* advised informant left NYC by plane on Friday, 8/15/58, arriving on the same date at 10:30 a.m. in Boston. Informant met CG 5824-S\* in Boston, after the latter had arrived by plane from Chicago. NY 694-S\* rented a Hertz automobile, and both informants proceeded towards Bangor, Maine, intending to meet EUGENE DENNIS in front of the Post Office at Stonington, Maine, at noon on 8/16/58, as had been pre-arranged. On the evening of 8/15/58, both informants stopped over at a motel on the outskirts of Bangor.

Early in the a.m. of 8/16/58, both informants departed for Stonington, Maine, where they arrived approximately 10:00 a.m. and waited in a restaurant where they could observe traffic in front of the Post Office. At approximately 10:30 a.m., EUGENE DENNIS and his wife, PEGGY DENNIS, arrived in an automobile (NY 694-S\* advised this automobile was also a Hertz rented car bearing New York registration and was a 1958 Chevrolet Bel-Air Sedan.) and indicated to the informants that they should follow his automobile.

NY 694-S\* drove his car in back of DENNIS for several miles until DENNIS turned into a wooded picnic area beyond Stonington. When informants engaged DENNIS in conversation at this point, the latter indicated he did not desire to talk there, and it was agreed that informants would drive in the direction of Bar Harbor, Maine, where they would spend the night at a motel seven miles south of Bar Harbor on Route 3, and DENNIS would reside in a motel approximately one mile north of Bar Harbor. NY 694-S\* commented that EUGENE DENNIS was apparently somewhat familiar with this area and knew the identities of the motels in which he instructed informants to stop.

NY 694-S\* commented that while in the picnic grove, a car steered into the area, backed up, and drove out of the area, and this action apparently unnerved DENNIS to the extent that for security reasons he declined to engage in extended conversation in this area.

Allowing approximately six to seven hours to get to Bar Harbor and settle down in the motel, it was agreed by the



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informants and DENNIS that they would meet at six that evening at DENNIS' motel, approximately one mile north of Bar Harbor. Informants met DENNIS at the motel and they proceeded in the informant's rented car in the direction of Jordan's Pond, which they circled around, and with NY 694-S\* driving, stopped at a remote restaurant on Highway #3. At the restaurant, it was agreed that CG 5824-S\* and GENE DENNIS would again meet for talks on the a.m. of 8/17/58, at which time CG 5824-S\* would be picked up at the informant's motel and they would drive to a suitable place. It was also agreed that NY 694-S\* would "disappear" to allow CG 5824-S\* and DENNIS to engage in private conversation for the entire day on 8/17/58.

It is noted NY 694-S\* commented that at this point, EUGENE DENNIS confided in the informants that his wife, PEGGY, was unaware that CG 5824-S\* had travelled in connection with the SOLO operation. It was agreed by DENNIS and the informants that DENNIS would tell his wife briefly, but not in detail, regarding the SOLO operation.

On Sunday, 8/17/58, in the a.m., as previously agreed, DENNIS, in the company of his wife, picked up CG 5824-S\* at the latter's motel and they drove to a mountain area where they would talk and picnic (as a cover). NY 694-S\* commented that PEGGY DENNIS, although in the company of the informant and EUGENE DENNIS, would not sit in on the conversations. NY 694-S\*, himself, went fishing to cover his activities.

At approximately 6:00 p.m. on 8/17/58, DENNIS, his wife and CG 5824-S\* picked up NY 694-S\* at the latter's motel, and they had dinner at a local restaurant and agreed to meet at the DENNIS motel on Monday, 8/18/58.

On 8/18/58, NY 694-S\*, CG 5824-S\* and EUGENE DENNIS conferred in the latter's motel kitchen, with PEGGY DENNIS present in the other room. NY 694-S\*, in the presence of CG 5824-S\*, advised DENNIS of the information regarding the "World Marxist Review" that informant had been asked to convey to DENNIS by TIM BUCK, Canadian LPP leader, on a recent trip to Canada. NY 694-S\* pointed out to DENNIS the problems concerning the printing of this world Communist publication in Canada, the price, and

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distribution, and conveyed to DENNIS, BUCK's suggestion that an individual be appointed by the CP, USA to be responsible for distribution of the publication in the U. S.

(It is noted information regarding the world Communist publication was forwarded to the Bureau by airtel dated 8/5/58, captioned SASH, ESP - R.)

NY 694-S\* then made available to DENNIS the handwritten note on the back of an envelope informant had been given by TIM BUCK to forward to EUGENE DENNIS. Informant commented that the salutation and signature had been cut off this note by the informant prior to giving it to DENNIS.

(It is noted full information regarding the above-described note was forwarded to the Bureau by airtel dated 8/6/58, captioned CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IS - C. The note, which was apparently forwarded to BUCK by LESLIE MORRIS who had recently returned from abroad, set out that [redacted] had asked MORRIS in Berlin that the CP, USA be suggested to utilize the services of [redacted] currently in Poland, in an editorial capacity on the new world Communist journal.)

It is noted NY 694-S\* advised that during this conversation, DENNIS insisted that a portable radio be turned on and that the information be conveyed to him by NY 694-S\* in handwritten notes. After furnishing the information to DENNIS, the informant advised DENNIS destroyed both the handwritten notes and the [redacted] note in the fireplace. DENNIS nodded and indicated to NY 694-S\* that he would discuss the matters conveyed to him by NY 694-S\* with CG 5824-S\*.

Later on Monday, 8/18/58, NY 694-S\* took PEGGY DENNIS for a drive in the automobile, leaving DENNIS and CG 5824-S\* alone to further discuss matters pertaining to the SOLO operation. NY 694-S\* and PEGGY DENNIS returned about noon, at which time it was indicated that the conversation between DENNIS and CG 5824-S\* was completed for the time being.

It is noted NY 694-S\* advised that while driving PEGGY DENNIS on the a.m. of 8/18/58, she commented that EUGENE DENNIS

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"never talks to her" regarding the details of CP politics.

NY 694-S\* briefly discussed with EUGENE DENNIS the fact that \$2300 had been spent for the expenses of the last National Committee meeting out of the \$10,000 that had previously been made available to NY 694-S\* by ROBERT THOMPSON to hold as a reserve.

It was agreed by the informants and EUGENE DENNIS that NY 694-S\* would not divulge to anyone that he had seen EUGENE DENNIS during the week end, and that he was not to tell JEAN SMITH, office worker at CP National Headquarters, that he had conferred with DENNIS. It was also agreed by DENNIS and NY 694-S\* that any future contacts between DENNIS and the informants would be made through JEAN SMITH by mail. DENNIS stated that he intended to return to NYC after Labor Day.

Before DENNIS and the informants departed company, DENNIS gave to NY 694-S\* some personal photographs of his grandchild and daughter-in-law that had been given to DENNIS by CG 5824-S\*, the latter having received them in connection with the SOLO operation. DENNIS asked NY 694-S\* to make copies of these photographs in the informant's personal dark room and to return them directly to him.

NY 694-S\* and CG 5824-S\* had lunch with EUGENE and PEGGY DENNIS and then departed from the Bar Harbor area for Boston, where they took a plane to NYC, arriving in New York on the evening of 8/18/58.

The above has been set out as a chronological summary of activity that took place during the period 8/15/58 to 8/18/58 when informants conferred with EUGENE DENNIS in Maine. Additional data and details of the conversations of CG 5824-S\* and EUGENE DENNIS will be furnished to the Bureau by the Chicago Division.

CG 5824-S\* intends to remain in NYC on 8/19, 20 and possibly 21, where he will be engaged in activities at CP National Headquarters, after which time he will return to Chicago.

For information:

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On 8/21/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information  
to SA [redacted] of the NYO.

5 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)  
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4 - Chicago (100-33741) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (INFO) (RM)  
    (1 - 100-14652) (JAMES KELLER)  
    (1 - 100-24702) ([redacted])  
    (1 - 100-33728) (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)  
1 - Detroit (100- ) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - WFO (100- ) ([redacted]) (INFO) (RM)  
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    (1 - 100- ) (JOE DOUGHER)  
2 - Cleveland (100- ) (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM) (INFO) (RM)  
    (1 - 100- ) (ADMIRAL KILPATRICK)  
2 - San Francisco (100- ) (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (INFO)  
    (1 - 100- ) (AL LANNON) (RM)

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CONTACT WITH JIM JACKSON

Informant stated that he met with JIM JACKSON on 8/20/58, and JACKSON advised him that he (JACKSON) was currently on two weeks vacation, having started on 8/18/58 and continuing until Labor Day. JACKSON stated that on 8/28/58 he would proceed to Detroit with his family to speak at a Communist Party picnic on Labor Day, 9/1/58. JACKSON advised that this picnic would be held under the name "Detroit Labor Day Picnic" and would be at Beechnut Grove, Detroit. JACKSON said he would return to the CP office following Labor Day.

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On 8/20/58, NY 694-S\* advised that on that date informant had lunch with ROBERT THOMPSON and the latter advised that he desired funds for necessary special expenses that might be incurred during the period informant was on vacation (8/25-9/8/58). Informant gave THOMPSON the sum of \$2,000, it being agreed that THOMPSON would return to the informant any part of this amount that he did not use for special expenses in the period of informant's vacation.

THOMPSON commented that in all likelihood a large portion of this sum would be spent for the legal fees in connection with the IRVING POTASH release from prison.

IRVING POTASH

In reference to the release of IRVING POTASH from the Federal Penitentiary (8/26/58), THOMPSON stated that the CP still felt the Immigration officials would re-arrest POTASH and attempt to deport him. He stated that the attorneys representing POTASH, [redacted] in Washington, D. C., and IRA GOLLOBIN in NYC, had not been able to reach an agreement on whether they should press the Government for POTASH's release on 8/26/58, or if they should let the matter ride. According to THOMPSON, [redacted] suggested that the CP wait before starting any proceedings towards POTASH's release, for to do so, in [redacted] opinion, possibly would antagonize the Government authorities. THOMPSON

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stated that for the time-being, the CP had agreed to hold off on any legal action in connection with the POTASH release, in the hope that by letting this matter wait, the Government would not be so hard on POTASH.

THOMPSON advised NY 694-S\* that contact with the Polish Embassy had produced no results whatsoever, and that the Poles have indicated that they know nothing regarding the POTASH case. (It is noted in this connection NY 694-S\* previously reported that the CP attorneys were attempting to have the Polish Embassy issue a statement saying they would not re-accept POTASH into Poland in the event the U. S. again tried to deport him. It was thought by the CP officials that if this statement was made, the Government would not press to re-deport POTASH and would release him on 8/26/58.)

THOMPSON stated that he still was of the belief that NY 694-S\* should take this matter up with TIM BUCK in Canada to see if it was possible for the Polish officials to expedite the release of such a statement. Informant stated that he advised THOMPSON that it might be best at first to attempt to have the statement made through channels, but if it became necessary, informant would forego his vacation and visit TIM BUCK for this purpose.

#### ULTRA-LEFT FACTION

On 8/20/58, NY 694-S\* determined from JAMES JACKSON that the CP knew very little regarding the conference of the ultra-left that was held in NYC on the week end of 8/15-17/58. As a matter of fact, according to JACKSON, about all the CP did know was that the conference was held and the names of some of the "bigshots" participating in the conference.

ROBERT THOMPSON advised NY 694-S\* on 8/20/58 that the ultra-left conference held in NYC over the week end of 8/16-17/58 was done so with full security enforced by the individuals in the ultra-left. THOMPSON stated that the CP had attempted to send people to this conference, but the people that they had selected had become known as having broken to some degree with the ultra-left, and they were refused entrance. THOMPSON stated

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that the CP at this time only had a vague idea of what happened at the ultra-left conference, and knew only the identities of the leading people present at the conference. According to THOMPSON, there were slightly more than 30 individuals present, and those known to the CP as present at the conference were JOSEPH DOUGHER of Philadelphia, who brought approximately 10 people, ADMIRAL KILPATRICK of Cleveland, who brought about four people, and the rest were from Chicago and New York. THOMPSON identified the leading New York leaders at the conference as ARMANDO ROMAN, HARRY HAYWOOD and [REDACTED]

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THOMPSON stated that this conference of the ultra-left held the past week end was similar to a meeting that was held at this time last year in NYC by the ultra-left, but the results of the recent meeting were far more conclusive. THOMPSON advised the informant that the CP must determine the identities of all the individuals that were present at this last ultra-left conference.

THOMPSON stated that actually the ultra-left movement within the CP is split within itself and at the conference of 8/16-17/58, they were unable to come to conclusive agreements. He stated that JIM KELLER, of Chicago, who was not present at the conference, but who is associated with the ultra-left, believes that the ultra-left should remain in the CP and attempt to work for their aims inside the Party organization. THOMPSON said that AL LANNON also agrees that it is not best for the ultra-left to split with the CP organization, and that they should stay in and fight for their views. THOMPSON commented that [REDACTED] of Chicago was also at the conference.

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In commenting regarding the ultra-left conference, THOMPSON stated that many of the people in attendance at this conference were from the Pennsylvania area because the Party organization in Philadelphia has shown no strength whatsoever in fighting the extreme faction in that area.

THOMPSON stated that the Party machinery is already in motion to take action against the ultra-left group. He said the New York State CP is going to immediately summon the members of the State Committee who were in attendance at the ultra-left

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conference and interview them to determine their Party status and plans. THOMPSON stated that [redacted] is a member of the NY State CP Committee who was present at the conference. b6 b7C

According to THOMPSON, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, the NY State CP Secretary, on 8/19 and 20/58, was involved with making arrangements for those individuals who attended the ultra-left conference to be interviewed. THOMPSON said that it is planned that the various Party organizations, such as the county and section organizations, will handle the interviews of those individuals on their levels in the Party organization who were present at the ultra-left conference.

#### FOREIGN TRADE OPERATION

ROBERT THOMPSON on 8/20/58 advised NY 694-S\* that he had spoken to MILTON FRIEDMAN regarding the foreign trade business setup. FRIEDMAN advised THOMPSON that he planned to register in the immediate future as a foreign trade agent to make the foreign trade business legal. FRIEDMAN further stated that he had brought back from Hungary a commitment from the Hungarians to furnish scooters and bicycles to him as a start in his foreign trade business. FRIEDMAN is currently looking for outlets throughout the country for the products that he hopes to import.

THOMPSON advised NY 694-S\* that LOUISE PATTERSON will work in MILTON FRIEDMAN's office in connection with the foreign trade operation. THOMPSON commented that although he desired attorney MARY KAUFMAN to work closely with FRIEDMAN in connection with this operation, FRIEDMAN had emphatically refused to have her involved in the business.

#### INTERNATIONAL TYPOGRAPHER'S UNION

NY 694-S\* advised that on the evening of 8/14/58, he had received a telephone call from [redacted] who presently lives in the Stuyvesant Town area of Manhattan and who is employed by the "NY Daily News." [redacted] advised the informant that he would leave on 8/15/58 for San Francisco to attend the convention of the International Typographer's Union ("Big Six"). [redacted] asked NY 694-S\* if the informant knew the identities of any b6 b7C

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Canadians who would be present at the convention, so that [ ] could meet these individuals at the convention. NY 694-S\* advised [ ] that he had discussed the convention with TIM BUCK in Canada and that if any members of the Canadian Party were to be present at the union convention, they would know how to get in touch with [ ]. [ ] advised NY 694-S\* that he will be back from the convention in approximately a week, at which time he would contact the informant to discuss the details of the convention.

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For information.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)  
RE: CP, USA - FUNDS. IS - C.

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informants.

On 8/21/58 NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [redacted] of the NYO that at 10:45 a.m. on that date he visited Alexander Trachtenberg at the latter's office, at which time Trachtenberg made available to informant six packages, each consisting of \$2,000 in \$20 bills. These packages were wrapped in yellow typewriter copy paper and tied by strings. Informant received the impression that Trachtenberg had this money on his person just prior to making it available to the informant.

At Trachtenberg's request, and in the presence of Trachtenberg, NY 694-S\* counted out the money. Under instructions from

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-63) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-33742) (CP, USA - FUNDS) (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (134-44) (CG 3824-S\*) (RM)
- 1 - NY 134-91 (INVESTIGATIVE) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-32826 (JAMES ALLEN) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (7-5)
- 1 - Sup. J. J. Kearney (7-5)

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*List of serial #'s  
of bills attached.  
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Trachtenberg, NY 694-S\* took the money to have it laundered (exchanged for other currency to avoid possible tracing) and will return it some time in the next month to Trachtenberg in \$20 denominations.

NY 694-S\* advised Trachtenberg did not indicate in any way where he received this money or what the purpose of the money was. In conversation Trachtenberg indicated that he had this money on 8/20/58.

On 8/21/58 CG 5824-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (concesal), advised that he had determined on the same date from Trachtenberg that the latter did not expect to make any more contacts with the big guys in the near future because, according to Trachtenberg, the big guys are tied up with behind the door negotiating and diplomatic maneuvering.

CG 5824-S\* definitely felt that from Trachtenberg's conversation the big guys were identical with Russian representatives to the United Nations in this country who are currently active in connection with the UN discussion of the Near East situation.

In conversation with NY 694-S\* and CG 5824-S\*, both informants expressed the belief that James Allen, who is employed in Trachtenberg's office, is the leg man for Trachtenberg and probably the one who actually meets the Soviet official who makes the money available for Trachtenberg. The informants are unable at this time to be specific in this conclusion, but both have advised that they will follow the matter closely and expect to determine details in this regard in the immediate future.

On 8/21/58 NY 694-S\* made available to SA [redacted] the \$12,000. The serial numbers of this money are being listed and they will be compared with the known currency issued to Soviet

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establishments in NYC and Washington, D. C., and the Bureau will be advised of any positive results.

The string which tied the packages of money was made available by NY 694-S\* and the informant expressed the belief that this string originated from the same source as the money. The string is being forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory for examination by separate communication.

Bureau will be kept advised of additional info in this matter as received.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)  
(ATT: FBI LABORATORY)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

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Remyairtel dated 8/21/58, captioned as above.

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting  
the following information to protect the identity of informant.

On 8/21/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [redacted] \$12,000, it being noted, as set out in reairtel, informant received this money on the same date from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. b6 b7C

It is noted NY 694-S\* and CG 5824-S\* have identified ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG as a person who in the past years has been the principal go-between between the CP, SU and the CP, USA. NY 694-S\* believes that the money made available by TRACHTENBERG on this occasion and on previous occasions originates from the Soviet Union.

On the last three occasions when TRACHTENBERG has made available to the informant money to be "laundered" (exchanged for other currency to avoid tracing), this money has been tied in bundles of \$2,000 with a light string. On 8/21/58, NY 694-S\* obtained the five pieces of string that were tied around the packages of money.

These strings are herewith forwarded to the Bureau, Attention FBI Laboratory, for fiber examinations and any other examinations or tests that would possibly identify where this string originated from, or possibly give a clue to the locality that this money came from.

The NYO desires that this string be returned to the NYO upon completion of examination, to be retained as an exhibit for possible future evidentiary purposes.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62041)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16441)  
SUBJECT: SASH  
ESP - R

DATE: 8/26/58

ReNYairtel, 8/5/58.

Extreme caution should be exercised with respect to dissemination of the information reported herein since, by its nature, the information tends to identify NY 694-S, a highly valuable informant, as the source thereof.

On 8/14/58, NY 694-S furnished to SA [redacted] the following further information obtained in Canada between 7/30/58 and 8/4/58:

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NORMAN FREED told NY 694-S that he and [redacted] had a luncheon meeting recently with a Chinese trade delegation visiting Montreal. FREED and [redacted] had made a special trip to Montreal to contact this trade delegation

8 - Bureau (65-62041) (RM)  
    (1 - 100-364447) (VIRGINIUS FRANK COE)  
    (1 - 100-21341) (TIM BUCK)  
    (1 - 65-58751) (SOLOMON ADLER)  
    (1 - 100-408305) (JACK COWAN)  
    (1 - 105-11990) (CHAO TING CHI)  
    (1 - 61-2115) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)  
1 - Chicago (65-3888) (SASH) (INFO) (RM)  
1 - NY 100-96778 (VIRGINIUS FRANK COE) (6)  
1 - NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK) (6)  
1 - NY 65-15257 (SOLOMON ADLER) (6)  
1 - NY 105-7304 (JACK COWAN) (6)  
1 - NY 105-1322 (CHAO TING CHI) (1)  
1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (7-5)  
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concerning the operations of the Canadian group of the China trade operation.

The Chinese trade delegation, headed by a Chinese named "Chi," whom FREED at the time mistakenly believed to be Chao Ting Chi, accepted FREED's invitation to lunch, and were most polite to FREED and [REDACTED]. FREED explained his and [REDACTED] connection with the China trade operation, and their association with the American group in the China trade operation, headed by Frank Coe.

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CHI and his associates professed to know nothing about the China trade operation which FREED mentioned. CHI, in reply to FREED's question whether CHI was identical with CHAO TING CHI, with whom FRANK COE had been negotiating, stated that he was CHANG CHI, and that he had been educated in Japan (CHAO TING CHI, as FREED had been told, was educated in the USA).

CHANG CHI stated that there are eighteen separate and distinct Chinese trade delegations active throughout the world, each autonomous and completely independent of the other. No centralized authority controls them. For this reason, CHI said, he and his associates would not know anything about the China trade operation to which FREED referred.

FREED nevertheless made various trade proposals to CHI and his associates, who listened politely, but who, in FREED's opinion, gave him "a complete brush-off." They intimated that they were well established as a trade delegation, and that important Canadian business firms were willing to negotiate with them. For this reason there was no need of their negotiating with FREED. They agreed to have further discussions with FREED when they should be in Toronto, but subsequently, when they were in Toronto, they made no attempt to contact FREED.

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FREED and [REDACTED] personally feel that they are wasting their time with the China trade operation, and are now anxious to sever connections with it. FREED said he felt he had made a mistake when he ceased being a full-time CP functionary.

FREED having indicated that he was not doing well

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financially, NY 694-S offered to make FREED Canadian representative of the informant's firm which sells tripods of various kinds. FREED indicated he would be very happy to act as the informant's business representative.

NY 694-S later mentioned this matter to TIM BUCK, asking BUCK's permission to utilize FREED's services in the informant's business.

BUCK said that he appreciated NY 694-S' concern about FREED, but that he had plans for FREED, of which the latter was not yet aware, and which would make impossible the proposed employment of FREED as the informant's business agent. BUCK said the Canadian CP Secretariat had just agreed to replace [redacted] member of the Soviet Friendship Council [redacted] publication "Northern Neighbors," with NORMAN FREED. [redacted] according to BUCK, recently has become more concerned about his personal publishing business than about the Soviet Friendship Council. BUCK said he would relieve [redacted] in a few days of his duties [redacted] "Northern Neighbors," and that FREED would [redacted]

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NY 694-S further advised that during a conversation with JACK COWAN, Canadian CP functionary who was recently in London, and who, while there was in contact with SOL ADLER, London contact of the American and Canadian China trade operation groups, COWAN exhibited to the informant a recent letter from ADLER in which was set out a list of commodities which the Chinese wished to sell to Canada. Among the commodities listed was a shipload of human hair.

NY 694-S also advised that in a conversation with BUCK, the latter, referring to his contacts with Soviet Embassy personnel, said, "I am never quite sure where or when (a meeting is to be held) or what I will get until I am told at what spot to wait. The contact is made in a matter of minutes - seldom lasting more than fifteen minutes. I ride around and wait - then someone comes and pin-points a place on a map to me, and mentions the time I am to make the contact. Then I make the actual contact."

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In connection with BUCK's remarks above, NY 694-S noted that about a year ago BUCK had given him some information regarding the political struggle in the Soviet Union, and that at the time BUCK had indicated that the information had come from someone who had been "there" (in the Soviet Union). Several weeks ago, in a conversation with ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, the informant mentioned to TRACHTENBERG what BUCK had told him a year ago. TRACHTENBERG commented, "I know - the same fellow spoke to me a week later."

The informant is of the opinion that if the same individual contacted both BUCK and TRACHTENBERG, he may well have been a Soviet; and, if so, the pattern of contact with BUCK in Canada may be the pattern of contact with TRACHTENBERG.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447) DATE: 8/29/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-96778)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE  
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED], dated 7/22/58.

On 8/21/58, [REDACTED] (T symbol) advised SA JOHN A. HAAG that on 8/20/58 CHARLES (BOB) COE told the informant that he had heard from his brother, FRANK COE. CHARLES COE said that the subject had left London with his family and was going to Peiping, China, with all expenses paid by the Chinese Government.

CHARLES COE told the informant that the subject attended the International Peace Conference at Stockholm, Sweden and that SOLOMON ADLER "had something to do with getting COE to Stockholm" and meeting CHAO TING CHI who also attended the conference. At Stockholm, arrangements were made (presumably between CHI and COE) for COE to go to China.

The informant advised that CHARLES COE told him the Chinese were interested in the import and export of books at present with the hope of eventually opening trade in more important items.

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1-NY (100-66938) (CHARLES COE) (12-11)  
1-NY (100-78633) (ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN) (#6)  
1-NY (100-85051) (MILTON FRIEDMAN) (#6)  
1-NY (100-21785) (SAM BROWN)  
1-NY (105-1322) (CHAO TING CHI)  
1-NY (100-1329) (SURVEY OF CHINESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE US)  
1-NY (65-16441) (SASH)  
1-NY (100-89851) (HENRY HILL COLLINS)  
1-NY (100-65-15257) (SOLOMON ADLER)  
1-NY (105-7304) (JACK COWAN) (#1)  
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CHARLES COE gave no indication as to how he heard from the subject, how long FRANK COE intended to stay in China, or what his itinerary was. CHARLES COE said that before he could go to China, FRANK COE was asked if the CP, USA, would vouch for him. CHARLES COE told the informant that he asked ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary of the CP, USA, if this could be done and THOMPSON said yes "they would send it along."

CHARLES COE cautioned the informant against telling anyone of the above developments and the informant did not make further inquiry concerning the matter. He will, however, be alert for further information concerning COE.

It is noted that information received from [redacted] regarding instant matter, should not be incorporated in the report at this time. Extreme care must be taken in protecting his identity.

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.To: **FBI, New York**Date: **August 27, 1958**Re: **CP, USA - FUNDS  
IS - C**FBI File No. **100-3-83**  
Lab. No. **PC-54070 IS**Specimens received from **FBI, New York**, on **8/25/58****Q12 - Q16 Five pieces of twine****Results of Examination:**

The pieces of twine in specimens Q12 through Q16 are approximately 1/84" in diameter and are constructed of three plies that are twisted together with a left twist. Each of the plies is composed of white flax fibers. Nothing was noted about Q12 through Q16 that indicates that they are for a specialized function or are from a particular locale. Twine such as in these specimens does not have as widespread use in this country as does white cotton twine. Twines composed of flax fibers are greatly resistant to moisture and serve a variety of purposes.

A comparison of the twines that are in the Cordage File of the Laboratory with specimens Q12 through Q16 revealed none that were similar. Therefore, a possible commercial outlet for Q12 through Q16 could not be established.

Specimens Q12 through Q16 are being returned to you as enclosures to this report.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-397666)  
(ATT: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL SPERBER  
IS - R & PO

Re NY airtel to Bureau 4/11/58.

As the Bureau is aware, NY 694-S\* has not been in contact with the subject since 4/10/58 at which time the latter gave the informant certain photographic accessories along with his 35 mm Zeiss-Ikon Contax D camera. It will be remembered that the subject on one occasion informed NY 694-S\* that he prefers to make his "microdots" with this camera and in fact exhibited to him the method involved.

NY 694-S\* recently made this camera available to the NYO for safekeeping while he went on vacation and a number of document type sample photographs were taken as a consequence in line with Bureau authority in re NY airtel. These photographs have been made exhibits in this case at NY.

Since there is no indication that SPERBER may ask for the return of this camera immediately, it may be advisable to have our laboratory look into the possibility of making minute markings within the camera itself which would in turn make identifiable characteristic markings on any negative or photograph subsequently taken by this camera.

- 4- Bureau (100-397666) (RM)
- 1- FBI Laboratory
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It is felt that the sample negatives and photos taken at NY with this camera may not be sufficient for future purposes of comparison with possible clandestine photos which may be uncovered in this investigation, especially if the subject later makes heavy use of this camera thus possibly altering ordinary identifying characteristics.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether such an undertaking by the laboratory is feasible. Pending the Bureau's reply, the NYO will retain instant camera and keep in touch with NY 694-S\*. It is expected that if the Bureau wishes to examine this camera for the purpose mentioned above, some arrangements can be made with NY 694-S\* to make the informant inaccessible to the subject during the examination period.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(7-5)

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CP, USA, ORGANIZATION  
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Utmost care must be used in reporting and handling the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

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On the evening of 9/4/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [ ] that he had been in contact on that evening with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN who is residing at "Tillie's", a boardinghouse at Hampton Bays, L.I. FLYNN advised the informant that she intends to spend three weeks at Hampton Bays.

FLYNN stated that there was a meeting of the NEC scheduled to begin on 9/19/58 and to last for three days. She stated that she would attend this meeting and the informant made arrangements to drive into NYC for this meeting on 9/18/58.

FLYNN advised that IRVING POTASH was met at the airport by a group of comrades, but that he was driven from the airport by a person identified by FLYNN as a "former editor of the furrier paper." FLYNN stated POTASH told ROBERT THOMPSON that he would be gone for about a week to ~~handle~~ schedule personal affairs.

For information.

- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100- (TILLIE LNU, operator of boardinghouse at Hampton Bays, NY)(7-2)
- 1 - NY 100- (FNU LNU, former editor of furrier paper)(7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (7-5)

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9/9/58

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF INFORMANT.

On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [redacted] that informant on that date held a conversation regarding current events within the CP with JAMES E. JACKSON, JR., Negro and Southern Affairs Secretary, CP, USA.

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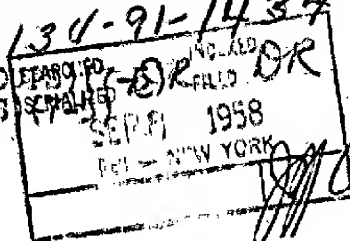
JACKSON advised NY 694-S\* that in October, 1958, V. J. JEROME and PAUL NOVICK (Editor, "Morning Freiheit") are going abroad, allegedly to Poland. JACKSON stated that publicly V. J. JEROME will spend three months in Poland to finish the second volume of his book "Letters to Jeremiah."

JACKSON stated that although publicly JEROME is going to Poland, actually he will attempt to visit the Soviet Union for the purpose of taking up the Jewish Question with officials of the CP, USSR. JACKSON stated that this trip by JEROME, although not sponsored actually by the CP, does have the backing and approval of the CP, inasmuch as V. J. JEROME is a member of the Jewish Commission, CP, USA, and because the Party considers his position on the Jewish Question a "healthy one."

3 - Bureau  
1 - Chicago

(100-3-81) (RM)  
(100-33729) (CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)  
(INFO) (RM)  
(INV) (7-5)  
(CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL GROUPS)  
(CP, USA-JEWISH ACTIVITIES)  
(V. J. JEROME) (7-5)  
(PAUL NOVICK) (7-1)  
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1 - NY 100-34631  
1 - NY 100-86635  
1 - NY 100-25907  
1 - NY 100-7918  
1 - NY 100-86624  
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NY 100-86624

JACKSON reiterated to informant that although JEROME, and possibly NOVICK, "openly" are going to Poland, they actually intend to travel to the Soviet Union.

For information.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100- ) (#7-5)

9/9/58

SA [ ] (#7-0)

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
RECONSTITUTE THE CP, USA  
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF  
THE INFORMANT.

On 8/20/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [ ] a two page mimeographed sheet which sets out an exact copy of the covering letter and the conference call dated 8/2/58, issued by the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP, USA. NY 694-S\* advised that the CP, USA had obtained a copy of the original call to the conference of the ultra-left group and had mimeographed up copies of this conference call and covering letter to disseminate to the various CP, USA districts and other CP leadership interested in the extreme left faction.

It is noted that the covering letter to the conference call sets out the participants in the conference upon arriving in New York should contact: HARRY HAYWOOD, 1649 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, NY, telephone PR 8-7855, and/or ARMANDO ROMAN, 167 E. 2nd St., NYC, telephone CA 8-7912.

- 1 - NY 134-91 (INV.) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA FACTIONALISM) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-81495 (HARRY HAYWOOD) (#12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-13336 (ARMANDO ROMAN) (#12-15)
- 1 - NY 100- (#7-5)

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A copy of the two page conference call and covering letter as made available by the informant is attached to copies of this memorandum designated for the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP, USA and designated for the informant's file.



The following is an exact copy of the Covering Letter  
and the Conference Call:

August 2, 1958

Dear Comrade:

In accordance with discussions held between representatives of New York and Philadelphia and various areas, all have mutually agreed to the necessity of convening a conference for the purpose of determining our next steps in the struggle for Marxist-Leninist vanguard leadership of the working class of our country.

We enclose a call to this conference to be held as indicated in New York within two weeks.

We strongly urge the participation of your area in this conference and hope that you will take it as a personal political responsibility to see to it that the largest possible delegation is in New York on August 16th and 17th. We are prepared, where necessary, to help solve financial problems, such as food and lodging.

In order to insure the greatest possible security of the conference and its participants, the Provisional Committee of the conference will notify participants only upon arrival as to the exact time and place of the conference.

Participants upon arriving in New York should contact:

Harry Haywood, 1649 Lincoln Place, Bklyn, N.Y., PR. 8-7855  
Armando Roman, 167 East 2nd St., N.Y.C., Ca. 8-7912

for information concerning the conference and of the other arrangements in reference to the conference.

If there are any suggestions or recommendations regarding the conference, please contact the Provisional Committee at either of the above mentioned addresses.

Comradely yours,

PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

P.S. Please let us know as soon as possible how many people will be coming from your area.

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#### CALL TO A CONFERENCE FOR MARXIST LENINIST ACTION

Comrades:

Events today sharpen our conviction that World Imperialism is in the throes of its deepest crisis. The United States as the center of this world imperialistic system is a key front in the struggle of the anti-imperialist peoples and Marxist-Leninist forces in their struggle for independence, peace, and socialism.

The Marxist-Leninist forces in the United States have a vital responsibility both for the people of our country and to peoples of the world. We are faced in this situation with the phony "unity" compromise of the 16th National Convention of the C.P. This "compromise" institutionalized factionalism "of all trends," as the basic method of operation of the C.P.U.S.A. Under cover of this phony "unity," the so-called left leaders have remained silent, while the open liquidationists have exercised complete freedom of action in their attempt to liquidate and sabotage Marxism-Leninism and any or-

ganized expression of Marxism-Leninism in the United States.

Their efforts have not met with complete success due primarily to the struggle of a large section of the rank and file of the Party spearheaded by the left caucuses and to the international struggle against the new revisionism of the Titoites so-called National "Communism."

Under the glare of the sharpened ideological offensive of the Leninist forces, the boldest liquidationists withdrew from the Party leadership leaving the remainder of the job of liquidating Marxism-Leninism to the present left-demagogic leadership. This left-demagogic leadership under cover of a phony two-front struggle against factionalism in practice participates with the right opportunist forces in order to destroy all vestiges of Marxism-Leninism thought and action in the United States. Events at the last National Committee meeting exposed once again the correctness of this estimate. At that time ten National Committee members, including Dorothy Healy and Steve Nelson, introduced and voted a resolution condemning the Soviet Union on the execution of the counter-revolutionary, Nagy. At the same time two outright revisionists, namely Claude Lightfoote and Carl Winter, were made part of the National Executive Committee.

The so-called left leadership, led by Bob Thompson, made their contribution to the liquidation of Marxism-Leninism, by announcing their plans to take administrative action against all consistent fighters for Marxism-Leninism in the Party. There are only two parties in the world where Titoism and National "Communism" represents the policy and program of the leadership - Yugoslavia and the United States.

The future of the Communist movement and that of the American working class is at stake in this struggle. Those of us who are or have been part of this movement cannot escape our responsibility. We have the duty and necessity to join forces and organize ourselves to assure the survival and continuity of Marxism-Leninism in the United States and of the support and solidarity with the Soviet Union and with the international communist movement and all the world's anti-imperialist forces.

We must not permit the present leadership - the most unprincipled factionalists in the history of the party - to divert us from this task by their demagogic cries of anti-factionalism, and exhortations to "get to work."

We therefore call on every honest fighter for a Marxist-Leninist Party to join us in a conference to weld ourselves closer together; to coordinate our ideas and tactics, and to determine the next steps required to carry forward this struggle.

The conference will be held in New York City August 16th, Saturday and August 17th, Sunday, 1958

PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (#7-5)

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CP, USA ORGANIZATION  
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE  
INFORMANT.

On 9/3/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SA [ ].

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Informant advised that [ ] is currently a member of the National Committee, of the CP, USA, and is active in the Industrial Division of the CP where he is in charge of Teamster work. NY 694-S\* advised that [ ] is presently working week ends in a retail store in New Jersey for the purpose of supplementing his income. Informant advised that this information had been determined by the informant from [ ] approximately four months ago.

NY 694-S\* advised that MIKE DAVIDOW is currently the Labor Secretary of the NYS CP and as such he attends most important CP meetings including meetings of the National Committee of the CP, USA, and also meetings of the Resident

- 1 - NY 134-91 (INV.) (#7-0)
- 1 - NY 100-50704 [ ] (#7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-56 (MIKE DAVIDOW) (#7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-128814 (CP, NYS ORGANIZATION) (#7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-128809 (CP, NYS STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (#7-6)
- 1 - NY 100-57639 (LOUISE BERMAN) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (#7-5)

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NY 100-80641

Committee of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA. Informant was unable to state when and where he determined this information but stated that he believed he had heard it in conversation with CP leaders in recent weeks.

Informant advised that about two weeks ago, in a conversation with ROBERT THOMPSON, Organization Secretary, CP, USA, he had determined that LOUISE BERMAN still was not contributing funds to the CP and was very unhappy regarding the internal situation within the CP at the present time. It was the opinion of NY 694-S\* that if contacted by Bureau Agents BERMAN would be uncooperative.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-75)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80640)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION  
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

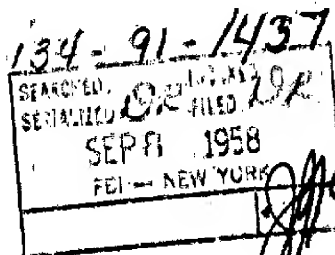
On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [ ] of the NYO that informant had determined in a conversation with JAMES E. JACKSON, JR. (Negro and Southern Affairs Secretary, CP, USA) that the latter would soon receive assistance in his Party work from [ ], who currently is active in the South.

JACKSON stated that [ ] eventually would become his assistant in his Party work although when he first arrives in NYC he will assist with campaign work in connection with the Party's efforts to elect BEN DAVIS, JR. as People's Rights Party candidate to the NY State Senate.

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- 3 - BUREAU (100-3-75) (RM)
- 1 - CHICAGO (100-33731) (CP, USA, Negro Question) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - MOBILE (100-1270) [ ] (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100- ) (CP, USA, Southern Region)
- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-91330 [ ] (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-131666 (CP, USA, Southern Region) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80640 (7-5)

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NY 100-80640

According to JACKSON, [ ] recently lost his job as an insurance salesman in the South as a result of a recent appearance before the HCUA. JACKSON further commented that both [ ] and [ ] had assisted JACKSON when the latter was in the underground.

JACKSON indicated that he was very pleased that [ ] would come to NYC in the near future to be his assistant inasmuch as it would release JACKSON from many of his Party tasks so that he could do more important theoretical work.

For information. It is noted the Mobile Division is office of origin of the investigation of [ ]

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9/12/58

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On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [ ] that ELIZABETH MASCOLA had arrived in NYC on 8/30/58 from Canada. Informant stated that MASCOLA was carrying with her the sum of \$12,000 which money she had been instructed by TIM BUCK (Canadian LPP leader) to deliver to NY 694-S\*.

NY 694-S\* advised that he had determined from ELIZABETH MASCOLA that the latter had received her United States passport.

ELIZABETH MASCOLA advised NY 694-S\* that she would remain in NYC until Saturday 9/13/58.

- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100- (SASH) (6)
- 1 - NY 100- (ELIZABETH MASCOLA) (6)

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DATE: 9/18/58

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

Via AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-63)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA FUNDS  
IS-C

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info to protect the identity of the informant.

On 9/17/58 CG 5824-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), advised SA [ ] that TIM BUCK (Canadian LPP leader) was "concerned" regarding the large quantity of funds he was holding for the CP, USA, which funds he had received from the Soviets. Informant stated he had received this information on 9/14/58 from ELIZABETH MASCOLO (girl friend of TIM BUCK and courier between CP, USA and LPP). MASCOLO further informed the informant that BUCK did not desire that frequent trips be made to his residence to pick up the funds designated for the CP, USA, because such activity might attract the attention of the authorities.

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In view of the "concern" of BUCK regarding the delivery of the funds, MASCOLO advised CG 5824-S\* it had been arranged that the following "pick up" locations would be used for the CP, USA representative/s to receive/delivery of the money from the Canadians (probably represented by MASCOLO):

3-Bureau (100-63) (RM)  
1-Chicago (134-46 (CG 5824-S\*)) (RM)  
1-NY 66-6989 (Inv.) (7-5)  
1-NY 134-91 (Inv.) (7-5)  
1-NY 65-16441 (SASH) (#6)  
1-NY 100-57446 (ELIZABETH MASCOLO) (#6)  
1-NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK) (#6)  
1-NY 100-74560 (7-5)

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- (1) Child's Restaurant  
King Street West  
Toronto  
(this location to be used on days of "pick up"  
other than Sundays or holidays)
- (2) Main Restaurant  
Eaton's Department Store  
Toronto  
(this location to be used on weekdays to  
receive money)
- (3) Restaurant  
Railroad Station (Union Station?)  
Toronto  
(this location to be used on Sundays and holi-  
days to "pick up" money)

CG 5824-S\* stated the actual switch of money will take place in the above "pick up" spots by the CP, USA representative (CG 5824-S\* or NY 694-S\*) sitting at a table in the designated restaurant adjacent to the Canadian representative (probably MASCOLO) and exchanging similar parcels, such as shopping bags.

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NY, NY

9/22/58

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-03)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA FUNDS  
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Re NYtel 9/18/58 captioned NY 694-S\* setting out that informant ~~XXXX~~ travel to Toronto that date to obtain from TIM BUCK or ELIZABETH MASCOLO funds provided by the Soviets for transmittal to CP, USA.

Re NY telephone call to Bureau during evening of 9/19/58 reflecting receipt of such funds from NY 694-S\* upon informant's return to NYC on evening of 9/19/58.

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info to protect the identity of the informant.

3-Bureau (100-03) (RM)  
1-Chicago (100-33742) (Info) (RM)  
1-NY 100-86604 (CP USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (7-5)  
1-NY 65-15341 (SABH) (6)  
1-NY 134-91 (Inv.) (7-5)  
1-NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK) (6)  
1-NY 100-57446 (ELIZABETH MASCOLO) (6)  
1-NY 100-51156 (CP OF CANADA) (7-5)  
1-NY 100-74560 (7-5)

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On 9/19/58 NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [ ] the sum of \$15,000 less \$170 that informant had received earlier the same date from ELIZABETH MASCOLO in Toronto, Canada. Informant returned to NYC at 9 PM on the evening of 9/19/58 with these funds.

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On 9/22/58 NY 694-S\* orally advised SA [ ] that upon his arrival in Toronto, Canada, on 9/18/58 he immediately contacted TIM BUCK (Canadian LPP leader) and at the time BUCK was engaged in a meeting of the Central Committee of the Canadian LPP. It was agreed that BUCK would meet the informant at BUCK's residence and such meeting took place immediately.

At his residence on 9/19/58 BUCK informed NY 694-S\* that he should only take what money back to the CP, USA as he could carry with complete security, that no changes should be taken because the border guard at the present time was alert for dope smugglers.

By pre-arranged agreement informant met with BUCK at the latter's residence at approximately noon on 9/19/58. ELIZABETH MASCOLO was also present at BUCK's residence. It was related to the informant by BUCK that he and ELIZABETH MASCOLO had gotten up very early that morning and had gone to another residence to get the money. (Informant expressed the belief in this connection that the funds were being held either by LESLIE MORRIS or people associated with MORRIS.)

Informant was told by BUCK that he should only take that money that he could pin on his person evenly and informant selected the amount of \$15,000 which MASCOLO agreed would not be too bulky.

NY 100-74360

HUCK advised the informant that there was \$23,000 more waiting, and that upon delivery of this amount the first batch of \$20,000 of funds designated by the Soviets to the CP, USA would be completed. (In this connection it is noted that ELIASSEH NASCOLD on 9/1/53 turned over to NY 694-S\* in NYC the amount of \$12,000, thus that \$12,000 plus the \$15,000 received on 9/19/53 and the \$23,000 remaining in Canada constitute \$20,000).

HUCK further stated that delivery of more money in new batches to the CP, USA by the Soviets was imminent. HUCK commented that the first batch had necessitated LESLIE MORRIS to make 3 trips to Ottawa to obtain the money. NY 694-S\* advised HUCK that the CP, USA would settle the expenses of LESLIE MORRIS in connection with his trips to Ottawa, and informant gave HUCK for this purpose the sum of \$170.

The serial numbers of the funds provided by NY 694-S\* to the NYO on 9/19/53 were checked by the NYO against the serial numbers of the known currency issued to Soviet establishments in Washington, D.C. and NYC, with negative results. Copies of the serial numbers are being attached to the copies of this communication designated for the NY file on Funds and on the informant for possible future reference.

The NYO will "launder" (exchange for other currency to avoid trading) the money received from NY 694-S\* and will return it to the informant at the first feasible date.

For information.

FOSTER

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9/8/58

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS  
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF INFORMANT.

On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [redacted] that informant met that s.m. with ELIZABETH MASCOLO (girl friend of TIM BUCK and courier between BUCK and CP, USA) in NYC.

MASCOLO made available to NY 694-S\* \$12,000 in \$20. bills, which money she stated she had brought from TIM BUCK (Canadian LPP leader) to the USA, having arrived in NYC on 8/30/58. MASCOLO advised NY 694-S\* she had attempted to contact informant immediately upon her arrival but was unaware informant was on vacation and did not know how to reach him. She stated she had been carrying the money around with her in her purse and was relieved to turn it over to NY 694-S\*.

3 - Bureau (100-3-63)(RM)  
1 - Chicago (100-33742)(CP, USA - FUNDS)(INFO)(RM)  
① - NY 134-91 (INV)(7-5)  
1 - NY 65-15441 (SASH)(6)  
1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(7-5)  
1 - NY 100-57446 (ELIZABETH MASCOLO)(6)  
1 - NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK)(6)  
1 - NY 100-74560 (7-5)

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According to MASCOLO, TIM BUCK had decided NY 694-S\* to go to Canada during the week of 9/1/58 to pick up "a carton of money" in denominations of \$10 and \$20 bills that BUCK had received from "the guys" (Soviets).

However, in view of the fact that MASCOLO had been unable to make immediate contact with informant, she stated it would be necessary for NY 694-S\* to wait until 9/16/58 before going to Canada, as BUCK would be "out of town" until that date. NY 694-S\* advised MASCOLO he would make arrangements to pick up the money ~~to be~~ <sup>being</sup> retained by BUCK on or about 9/16/58.

NY 694-S\* stated that the money received from MASCOLO on 9/8/58 was unwrapped and bound by rubber bands in six packages of one hundred \$20 bills each. (It is noted this money differed from the \$12,000 made available to NY 694-S\* by ALEXANDER BRACHTENBERG on 8/21/52 inasmuch as that money was tied in twine of six packages of one hundred \$20 bills each.) Informant further stated that the \$12,000 received from MASCOLO on 9/8/58 is undoubtedly the first of the promised delivery of money from the CP, USSR to the CP, USA. As a result of the conversation with MASCOLO, informant estimates the "carton of money" currently being held in Canada by TIM BUCK for delivery to the CP, USA amounts to about \$50,000.

On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\* made available to SA [redacted] the \$12,000 he received from MASCOLO on the same date. Informant requested, as is the CP routine, this money be "laundered" (exchanged for other currency to avoid tracing) and returned to him in \$20 denominations. The NYO is currently reviewing the serial numbers of this money and will check these numbers against the known currency issued to the Soviet establishments in Washington, D. C., and New York City, and the Bureau will be advised of any positive results.

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NY 100-74560

On 9/8/58, the \$12,000 which was received by informant from TRACHTENBERG on 8/21/58 and made available on the same date to the NYO by informant was returned to informant by SA [REDACTED]. This money will be retained by informant in his safe deposit box and he will advise TRACHTENBERG at the first opportunity that the money is "laundered" and available.

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The NYO is currently discussing with NY 694-S\* the problems that might arise if informant is to transport the money being held by TIM LUCK for the CP, USA from Canada to the U. S., including problems which might be entailed by a Customs inspection at the border, and the Bureau will be advised of the recommendations of the NYO in this regard.

For information, the Bureau will be kept advised of additional pertinent developments.

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ATT : DIRECTOR (100-397666)  
FBI LABORATORY  
SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)

SAMUEL SPENNER, was.  
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ReBuairtel, 9/8/58.

Enclosed for the purpose of examination and processing, as set forth in referenced Bureau airtel, is the subject's Zeiss-Ikon, 35 MM Contax D camera with leather case and lens cap.

NY 694-S\* advised on 9/9/58 that he could meet any contingency arising out of a possible request by SPENNER for the camera by putting him off on some pretext for a period of one week. Consequently the Bureau is requested to return instant camera by 9/17/58.

Caution should be used in the handling of enclosed camera in view of the sensitive nature of NY 694-S\* who is also an extremely valuable informant.

3-Bureau (100-397666) (RM) (ENC.1)  
(1-FBI Laboratory)  
1-New York (134-91) (INV)  
1-New York (105-6061)

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It is set out herein for information that for the past several months JEAN SMITH, office worker at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th St., NYC, has been periodically contacting NY 694-S\* and furnishing the latter with information and documents regarding the National organization of the CP, USA.

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Inasmuch as NY 694-S\* considers SMITH to be one of informant's prime contacts with the CP, USA National organization, it is requested that any investigation conducted of SMITH be borne with this information in mind. It is also requested that if any occasion arises to make personal contact with SMITH, either for interview or investigative purposes, that this matter be discussed with the agent handling NY 694-S\* before such contact is made.

For information.

1 - NY 134-91 (INV.) (#7-5)  
1 - NY 100-62878 (#12-12)

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS  
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF INFORMANT.

On 9/10/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SAS [redacted] and [redacted] regarding a contact informant had on the same date with EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, CP, USA.

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DENNIS stated that on the previous week end, he had :

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    (1 - 100- ) (IRVING POTASH)  
1 - Chicago (100-33742) (CP, USA-FUNDS) (INFO) (RM)  
① - NY 134-91 (INV) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS) (12-13)  
1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-8529 (MARY KAUFMAN) (7-5)  
1 - NY 65-16441 (SASH) (6)  
1 - NY 100-15140 (TIM-BUCK) (6)  
1 - NY 100-57446 (ELIZABETH MASCOLO) (6)  
1 - NY 100-74560 (7-5)

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a long conversation with IRVING POTASH. He indicated that this conversation lasted several hours. As a result of this conversation, DENNIS stated, he personally desired to express to the informant the gratification and appreciation of the Communist Party for the manner in which informant assisted in connection with the IRVING POTASH case. DENNIS stated that POTASH himself had requested him to forward to the informant POTASH's appreciation of the informant's actions in his behalf and to advise the informant that POTASH would be "forever thankful and grateful" for the duties performed by NY 694-S\* in behalf of POTASH.

DENNIS commented that NY 694-S\* had taken a terrible risk in behalf of the Party and that it was only through the ingenuity of the informant that things turned out eventually as well as they did. DENNIS stated that for safety's sake, he and POTASH had agreed that until technical legal problems can be resolved, NY 694-S\* should not see IRVING POTASH personally. DENNIS stated that there was some question as to when the Statute of Limitations might expire in connection with the informant's assistance of POTASH, and until these legal matters are resolved, there should be no personal contact between POTASH and the informant.

It was further agreed between NY 694-S\* and DENNIS that the personal effects of POTASH, presently in the custody of the informant, should be returned to POTASH. Also, the \$4,000 which is IRVING POTASH's personal funds, according to DENNIS, furnished to POTASH by the Russians through Polish channels, should be returned to POTASH in the near future.

DENNIS pointed out that this property should be returned to POTASH in such a manner as not to link NY 694-S\* with POTASH at this time. He suggested that a rented locker in a railroad station be used and that the informant should turn the key over to LEM HARRIS, who would pick up the personal effects of POTASH and make them available to POTASH.

DENNIS cautioned NY 694-S\* that when he spoke to MARY KAUFMAN, attorney, that date, he should not discuss the POTASH matter with her, but only tell her that the matter is being

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taken care of. DENNIS said that in the future, "things" of this nature would be handled by LEM HARRIS. (Informant interprets this to mean that LEM HARRIS would be the "leg man.")

In reference to money generally, EUGENE DENNIS agreed with the informant that on 9/11/58 the sum of \$10,000 should be turned over to the CP. This money, according to DENNIS' instructions, should be turned over to LEM HARRIS in two packages of \$5,000 each. DENNIS cautioned the informant that LEM HARRIS should be given no details as to the origin or purpose or even the identity of the money, but should only be handed the packages with instructions to transfer it to DENNIS. (Informant commented that this \$10,000 which will be made available to DENNIS, through LEM HARRIS, on 9/11/58, is the first direct delivery of money from the CP, SU to the CP, USA, under the present planned operation.)

In further commenting about IRVING POTASH, DENNIS described POTASH as a "very valuable comrade." DENNIS stated that in the future it is expected that POTASH will function in the CP, USA in a very important position; however, the CP attorneys are presently looking into the legal aspects of POTASH's status to determine how soon he can become openly active. (NY 694-S\* stated that in conversations with CP leaders in the recent past, he has determined that POTASH may be given the position of Labor Secretary, CP, USA.)

DENNIS then instructed NY 694-S\* that when he next makes contact with TIM BUCK (Canadian LPP leader) to tell the latter that in his next contacts with the Russians BUCK should advise the Russians that the money being received in the CP, USA is "too distinct." DENNIS stated that the CP, USA would prefer receiving funds in more recent issues and would like to avoid the Morgenthau 1934 Series. (NY 694-S\* expressed the belief that DENNIS made this statement possibly as a result of the conversations with TRACHTENBERG regarding the nature of the currency previously received by TRACHTENBERG.)

On 9/11/58, NY 694-S\* advised that on the evening of 9/10/58, informant had met with MARY KAUFMAN, and at that time, it was agreed with KAUFMAN that the POTASH case would no longer be discussed with KAUFMAN by the informant, and that KAUFMAN

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would "leave the picture." KAUFMAN agreed to this.

On 9/11/58, \$10,000 in two separate packages of \$5,000 was delivered to NY 694-S\* by SA [redacted] it being noted that this currency represented "laundered" currency made available by NY 694-S\* to the NYO on 9/8/58. Informant had previously received this money from ELIZABETH MASCOLO, who the previous week had brought it from TIM BUCK in Canada. It is further noted that \$2,000 of this "laundered money" was presented to the informant on 9/10/58.

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On 9/11/58, NY 694-S\* advised SA [redacted] that at 10:00 a.m. on that date, informant had met LEM HARRIS at the informant's office and had presented to him the two packages of \$5,000 each in \$20 denominations. HARRIS accepted this money and questioned the informant if it was permissible to give this money to (ISADORE) WOFSY, and informant instructed HARRIS that this was not permissible and that the money must be given only to EUGENE DENNIS. HARRIS indicated to the informant that he would turn this money over to EUGENE DENNIS at approximately noon on 9/11/58.

LEM HARRIS further advised NY 694-S\* that he would see IRVING POTASH in the immediate future and that together he and POTASH would agree on a way to transport the personal belongings of POTASH, which are being held by the informant, to POTASH. (In this connection, it is noted NY 694-S\* has indicated to HARRIS and to other CP leaders that the personal property of POTASH is being held in Canada and therefore it will take time to get.)

The above for information.

Bureau will be advised of further developments.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, FUNDS (RESERVE FUND)  
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NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 9/15/58, that on Friday evening 9/12/58, in a conference with ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA, Organization Secretary, the latter stated he was desirous of the informant's assuming control of the CP Reserve Fund Operation, and of a committee of individuals such as "LEM" HARRIS, Dr. EDWARD BARKSKY, and SAM NEUBERGER assisting NY 694-S\* in the said operation. THOMPSON indicated that EUGENE DENNIS was aware of this proposal.

NY 694-S\* told THOMPSON he might prefer others in preference to those mentioned above as members of the assisting committee. THOMPSON agreed to allow the informant to consider

- 3 - BUREAU (100-3-102) (RM)
- 2 - CHICAGO (100-33742) (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Fund) (Info) (RM)  
(1 - 134-46) (P&G) (CG 5824-S\*)
- 2 - PITTSBURGH (100- CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Fund) (Info) (RM)  
(1 - 100-1763) (STEVE NELSON)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-7658 ("LEM" HARRIS) (12-13)
- 1 - NY 100-25849 (Dr. EDWARD BARKSKY) (12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-47211 (STEVE NELSON) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-50090 (SID STEIN) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50983 (BILL NORMAN) (12-13)
- 1 - NY 100-66110 (SAM NEUBERGER) (12-12)
- 1 - NY 100-99873 (BARNEY JOSEPHSON) (12-15)
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whom the latter might desire to assist him, and suggested this matter be discussed again at a subsequent conference. The informant advises that he would like to have LEM HARRIS as a member of the Committee but that he is not sure that he would want EARSKY and NEUBERGER as members.

NY 694-S\* states that CG 5824-S\* has advised him that at the moment relations between THOMPSON and DENNIS are not particularly good, and that for this reason NY 694-S\* should not assume that THOMPSON's proposal is being made with the full consent of DENNIS. DENNIS may have other plans regarding the Reserve Fund Operation, and if so, NY 694-S\* could be caught in a "cross-fire" between DENNIS and THOMPSON, ultimately finding himself in an untenable position as regards the two of them. CG 5824-S\* suggests that no commitments be made in this matter until it is certain that DENNIS will support THOMPSON regarding the latter's proposal.

THOMPSON also mentioned that between now and January 1, 1959, the national office budget would be approximately \$1400 per week. This sum will not cover the expenses of the coming NC and NEC meetings, which, together, will cost about \$5000.

THOMPSON stated further that he was recently in Pittsburgh where "the situation is bad" owing in large measure, to STEVE NELSON's frame of mind. NELSON is no longer a paid functionary; he is attempting to sell insurance, but so far has not been successful. THOMPSON feels that if NELSON should be taken out of Pittsburgh, the CP situation there would improve. While there, THOMPSON suggested to NELSON that the latter accept a transfer to another district, but NELSON refused. NELSON has surrounded him six or seven persons who think as he does, and who make him feel important. In THOMPSON's opinion, NELSON should be out of the Party.

According to THOMPSON, "SID" STEIN has prepared a letter of resignation from the Party, and he anticipates the said letter will be received at the national office momentarily.

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BILL NORMAN is definitely out of the Party. He did not register as a Party member. NORMAN and "SID" STEIN definitely have declined to return to the CP their bail funds.

BARNEY JOSEPHSON is going to make a trip to Moscow, but is not going there as an official representative of the CP. He is going for personal reasons.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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DATE: 9/15/58

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 9/11/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SA [redacted] regarding a meeting informant had on the evening of 9/10/58, with MARY KAUFMAN, attorney. Informant stated he met KAUFMAN first at the Flatiron Building, from where they went to the Prince George Hotel and finally to Longchamps at 34th Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC, for dinner.

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KAUFMAN advised NY 694-S\* that she felt bad that MILT FRIEDMAN did not want her to be involved in or around his new planned export business, but she accepted his decision. In discussing FRIEDMAN, KAUFMAN stated that FRIEDMAN's recent trip to Hungary consumed a total of six weeks. In Hungary, according to KAUFMAN, FRIEDMAN spoke with many important people and reached an agreement with the Hungarian group that would be equivalent to the "Chamber of Commerce."

KAUFMAN stated that as a result of FRIEDMAN's contact with the Hungarians, it was agreed that FRIEDMAN would handle for the Hungarians certain phases of public relations, buying of

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-81) (RM)
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- 1 - Chicago (100-18001) (FRED FINE) (Info) (RM)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-8529 (MARY KAUFMAN) (12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-85051 (MILTON FRIEDMAN) (12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50983 (WILLIAM NORMAN) (12-13)
- 1 - NY 100-50090 (SID STEIN) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-89816 (FRED FINE) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-129174 (CP, USA, Cover Companies, Antique Shops) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-96778 (VIRGINIUS FRANK COE) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (7-5)

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patents in the United States, and whatever other business he is able to obtain in behalf of Hungary. FRIEDMAN will act as the agent to the Hungarians although his relationship will not be exclusive and there will be no retainer. KAUFMAN stated that to her knowledge, FRIEDMAN will only be paid if and when whatever work he does for the Hungarians is accepted by the Hungarians in its final form. In other words, if FRIEDMAN purchases a patent in the United States for the Hungarians, he will not be paid for this patent until such time as it is accepted in its final form by the Hungarians.

KAUFMAN commented that although FRIEDMAN's agreement with the Hungarians seemed to be very "loose", she was convinced that FRIEDMAN had met important people with good connections in Hungary and that his relationship with the Hungarians will be a profitable one.

MARY KAUFMAN further advised NY 694-S\* that she herself is contemplating going abroad in the near future. She stated that she had discussed with BOB THOMPSON the feasibility of her going abroad and that THOMPSON was very much in favor of it. She further stated that with the assistance of THOMPSON, she hopes to make good contacts abroad. KAUFMAN indicated that her primary purpose in going was to see if she could line up legal work and that she was primarily interested in making contacts within the Soviet Union.

According to KAUFMAN, THOMPSON had advised her that it would take approximately six weeks to arrange for her trip. NY 694-S\* suggested to KAUFMAN that the latter get together with IRVING POTASH in a "joint enterprise" before she departs from the US. Informant suggested that KAUFMAN attempt to contact the Soviets regarding the antique shop business and that POTASH would furnish further details to KAUFMAN regarding this business.

In connection with the antique shop business, NY 694-S\* advised KAUFMAN that he would discuss this matter further with ROBERT THOMPSON to assist in lining up the project. Informant advised KAUFMAN that ROBERT THOMPSON desired the antique shop project to be handled through NY 694-S\* and to this KAUFMAN agreed.

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KAUFMAN advised the informant that she had on her person at the time some negotiable bonds which bonds had been turned over to her by defendants in a recently "thrown out" Smith Act trial. She indicated the amount of the bonds, which had been put up as bail, amounted to \$10,000 and commented that she would probably turn these bonds over to ROBERT THOMPSON on 9/11/58.

Commenting further on the question of the return of bail money, KAUFMAN advised that this matter is giving her ulcers. She stated that she has been negotiating privately with various defendants to get back some of the Party's money that was put up for bail. In this connection KAUFMAN commented that the bail funds of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY are no problem because his bail was in the form of family real estate and the Party did not have to lay out any money.

KAUFMAN stated that FRED FINE had returned to the CP the entire amount of his bail. However, KAUFMAN stated her negotiations with SID STEIN and BILL NORMAN is a matter of great concern to her and she is very worried. She said she was not sure that SID STEIN would refund any of the money that was refunded as his bail. KAUFMAN stated that in the case of BILL NORMAN and SID STEIN, the wives were the sponsors of the bail and this created an additional problem.

At this point MARY KAUFMAN advised the informant that she may have talked too much to the informant, but she felt she had to get these things "off her chest." KAUFMAN pointed out further that she had been instructed by ROBERT THOMPSON that it was permissible to speak to NY 694-S\* in the same way as she would speak to THOMPSON himself.

In commenting regarding FRANK COE, KAUFMAN stated that she had heard that COE was now in China.

The above for information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, New York (105-6061)**

Date: **September 16, 1958**

Re: **SAMUEL SPERBER, was  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **100-397666**  
Lab. No. **D-287870 ET**

Examination requested by: **New York**

Reference: **Letter 9/10/58**

Examination requested: **Photographic**

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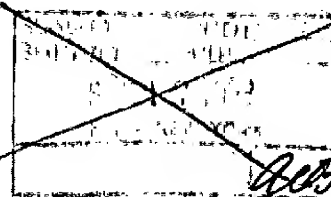
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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.To: **FBI, New York**Date: **September 16, 1958**FBI File No. **100-397666**Re: **SAMUEL SPERBER, was  
IS-R-PO**Lab. No. **D-287870 ET**Specimens received **9/15/58****Q2 Contax D camera, SN 264220, with Carl Zeiss Jena Biotar lens,  
SN 4421694.****Result of examination:**

The camera you submitted, which is described above as specimen Q2, has been marked for future identifications with film exposed in this camera. Test exposures have been made in the camera and retained in the Laboratory.

The camera, specimen Q2, is returned to you separately.



## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)(7-5)

DATE: 9/16/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (7-0)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN  
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 9/9/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), advised SA [REDACTED] orally of a conversation which informant had with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN at Hampton Bays, Long Island, on 9/4 and 5/58.

Informant advised that he met ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN at "Tillie's" place which is located at 103 Bay Avenue in Hampton Bays, Long Island. Informant stated that he knew "Tillie" to be identical to MATHILDA HASLAUER and that this person was known to informant to be an old-time CP member. Informant further stated that Tillie's place is used as a resort by many CP and progressively inclined people.

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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, in conversation with the informant, commented that recently someone had died in California and sent a check in the amount of \$2700 to "The Worker."

FLYNN stated that WILLIAM NORMAN and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS had had a "fight." According to FLYNN, NORMAN refused to turn over to DAVIS any portion of his bail fund money, which DAVIS desired in connection with his political campaign. FLYNN also commented that the BLAKES, and [REDACTED] also have not given any money back to the Party as of this date.

- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(7-5)  
1 - NY 100-7206 (MATHILDA HASLAUER)(7-4)  
1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)(7-5)  
1 - NY 100-50983 (WILLIAM NORMAN)(12-13)  
1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS)(7-5)  
1 - NY 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY)(7-5)  
1 - NY 100-52959 ([REDACTED])(12-12)  
1 - NY 100-136078 (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP)(7-)  
1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism)(7-5)  
1 - NY 100-57639 (LOUISE BERMAN)(12-14)  
1 - NY 100-99873 (BARNEY JOSEPHSON)(12-15)  
1 - NY 65-34 (LEON JOSEPHSON)(6)  
1 - NY 100-1696 (7-5)

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In discussing the ultra-left faction of the CP, FLYNN stated that the CP has no idea who met or was involved in the conference of the ultra-left that was held in NYC (on 8/16-17/58) other than the leaders of the ultra-left. FLYNN stated that the Party had "bungled this job."

In discussing LOUISE BERMAN, FLYNN stated that this individual is no longer a donor to the Party and in fact seems to be completely in agreement with the political viewpoint of JOHN GATES. FLYNN stated that she considered this a personal loss as well as a terrible loss to the CP. FLYNN indicated to NY 694-S\* that the situation in connection with BERMAN's lack of interest in the CP was the fault of BERMAN's husband, LIONEL BERMAN.

FLYNN stated that the real "pain in the neck" to the Party at the present time is LEON JOSEPHSON, who is "spouting a ultra-left position" that is very damaging to the Party. She stated that LEON and BARNEY JOSEPHSON absolutely refused to give any money to the CP unless the Party becomes a more militant organization.

NY 694-S\* commented that FLYNN was having a three week vacation at Hampton Bays. He further stated that while at Hampton Bays, FLYNN was drinking very heavily, having a particular taste for Bourbon and Irish whiskey.

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On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [redacted] that while visiting Hampton Bays, Long Island, NY, on 8/3/58, he had met DAVIS GREEN and engaged in conversation.

In conversation with NY 694-S\*, GREEN advised that he had determined that [redacted] was completely out of the CP. According to GREEN, [redacted] wants nothing to do with the present CP leadership and he is interested in forming a party of a different form.

In regard to himself, GREEN stated that he is now a proofreader by trade and that he is presently a substitute worker at the "NY Times." He stated that the "Big 6" union (International Typographers Union) had gotten him to join. In discussing the union, GREEN further stated that the FBI had gone to the ITU in NY and had told them that the Communists are attempting to saturate this union. GREEN further stated that the FBI had talked to the local union head in NYC, but, according to GREEN, this union head has stated "we are only concerned with one thing, when one joins our union he must sign our loyalty oath to the union. This is the only thing we're concerned about."

- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-262 (DAVID GREEN) (12-14)  
1 - NY 100-23163 ( ) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100- (Cominfil ITU) (7-1)  
1 - NY 65- (ALGER HISS) (6)  
1 - NY 100-96985 (CP, USA, Underground) (7-5)  
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DAVE GREEN suggested to NY 694-S\* that they get together again in the near future.

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant:

On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SA [ ] regarding a conversation informant had on the same date with JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.

JACKSON advised NY 694-S\* that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. in his campaign to collect 3,000 valid signatures to have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate of the People's Rights Party for NY Senator for 21st Senatorial District of Manhattan obtained approximately 5,500 signatures. JACKSON said that the CP was very happy about the enthusiastic response that had been received by this signature campaign. JACKSON commented that at recent street meeting, held 9/6/58, approximately 2,000 individuals had been present and that the CP officials noted that in the audience were some non-Communist Negro politicians.

JACKSON further stated that as a result of the signature campaign the CP ~~expects~~ expects that the election will result in approximately 5,000 votes for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. JACKSON stated that the CP would consider this a "good showing" and would make the political campaign well worth-while. According to JACKSON, if the Party obtains 5,000 votes for DAVIS in the election campaign, this will figure to be an expensive of approximately \$5.00 per vote, inasmuch as the CP figures the DAVIS election campaign will have a total expense of \$25,000.

- 1-New York (134-91) (Investigative) (#7-5)
- 1-New York (100-128812) (CP, NYS Political Activities) (#7-6)
- 1-New York (100-128314) (CP, NYS Funds) (#7-6)
- 1-New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (#7-6)
- 1-New York (100-115575) (#7-1)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant:

On 9/3/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SA [ ]

Informant stated that he recalled that after his return from the Soviet Union in 1933, he was placed on the pay roll of one "Henry", a Russian Comintern Agent. After discussions with "Henry" and with the agreement of "Henry", informant in 1934 started a project in order to obtain birth certificates to be used in the preparation of fictitious passports. This project operated by NY 694-S\* going to the NY Public Library at 42nd St. and 5th Ave., NYC, to the Geology Department where he would look up suitable names of children who had died at the age of one, two or three years. By suitable name the informant stated that the name would have to be that of a pertinent nationality or suitable nationality and the background would have to be of various nationalities. In some cases the nationality or names were picked with a specific purposes and in other case assorted names and backgrounds were selected.

After determining the names of infants who had died at an early age, the next step in the operation, according to NY 694-S\* was to determine the place of birth of the individual who had died and to make arrangements to communicate to the place of birth to obtain the birth certificate of the deceased individual. Before this was done, a loyal comrade would be

- 2- New York (134-91) (Investigative) (#7-5)
- 1-New York (100-54126) (RUDY BAKER) (#6)
- 1-New York (100- ) (JAY PETERS) (#6)
- 1-New York (100-96985) (CP, USA Underground Operation) (#7-5)
- 1-New York (65-16608) (UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was., "Henry") (#6)
- 1-New York (105-30041) (#6)

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contacted and he would be used as a mail drop, and that he would put the name of the deceased infant on his door bell or letter box so that mail delivered to that name of the infant would be accepted without problems. NY 694-S\* advised that he was unable to recall the identities of any individuals who assisted in receiving the mailed birth certificates at this time, but that he recalled that there was no problems in finding such individuals who were glad to cooperate with this CP endeavor.

NY 694-S\* was able to recall that most of the birth certificates obtained in the above manner were for male individuals. He estimated that a very small percentage possibly only 1 out of every 25 was for a female infant. The informant estimated that well over 100 birth certificates were obtained in the above manner.

To the knowledge of NY 694-S\* the birth certificates obtained in the above manner were never used locally. Informants stated that the certificates he obtained in this manner were turned over to the Comintern Agent "Henry", who informant assumed was forwarding them to the Soviet Union. NY 694-S\* expressed the opinion that this procedure of obtaining birth certificates to be used for fictitious passports was worked through out the country by various other individuals.

Informant stated that in approximately 1937 and continuing to 1939, he did similar jobs of obtaining birth certificates in behalf of JAY PETERS. Informant estimated that he obtained from 15 to 20 birth certificates to be used for fictitious passports at the request of JAY PETERS.

NY 694-S\* further stated that in 1937 he received the impression that RUDY BAKER also was obtaining birth certificates to be used for fictitious passports, in the manner set out above.

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Date: 9/18/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)  
SUBJECT: CP USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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On 9/17/58 CG 5824-S advised SA [ ]  
[ ] as follows:

According to EUGENE DENNIS, the following individuals are currently preparing to go to Moscow in the near future: ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, GEORGE MORRIS, Labor Editor of "The Worker," V. J. JEROME, PAUL NOVICK, editor of "The Morning Freiheit," JAMES JACKSON, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, and JOHN ABT.

GEORGE MORRIS is planning to leave the USA on the 10th or 12th of October and no later than the 15th of October. He

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-81) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-3-63 (CP, USA FUNDS)
- 2 - Chicago (100-18961) (CP, USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (RM)
  - (1 - 134-46) (P&C)
- 1 - New York (100-74560) (CP, USA FUNDS) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-13203) (GEORGE MORRIS) (12-13)
- 1 - New York (100-25907) (V. J. JEROME) (12-15)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-54965) (JOHN ABT) (7-1)
- ① - New York (134-91) (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-86624) (7-5)

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is scheduled to attend "a left-wing union meeting" in Rome in the middle of October. He will address the meeting regarding "class collaboration in US unionism." He will spend four months abroad, three of which will be spent in Moscow. (MORRIS personally indicated the above to be his plans.) While abroad, MORRIS also will visit England, France, Czechoslovakia and possibly several other countries.

MORRIS has an invitation to attend a trade union function in Moscow. He plans to be in Moscow for the 21st Party Congress in January, 1959, and anticipates meeting in Moscow many important functionaries. In order to talk intelligently regarding the CP USA to such functionaries, he desires to be briefed regarding the CP USA "line." While abroad he will write weekly articles (presumably for publication in "The Worker," according to CG 5824-S). MORRIS is dissatisfied with the CP USA in that he believes it lacks "gumption and pep." Regarding MORRIS, there is a question at the moment whether he should be given CP USA credentials, and whether the Soviets should be advised of his plans. So far "The Worker" has not found a replacement for MORRIS. Some members of "The Worker" staff feel he should go abroad for a period no longer than a month or six weeks. He is currently in Atlantic City and is scheduled to pick up his passport today.

ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG will apply for a passport next week. Before leaving the USA, he will visit a number of cities in the USA, including possibly some on the West Coast. He desires to be in a position to tell the Soviets he has been "around the country recently" and hence in a position to speak authoritatively regarding conditions in the USA. TRACHTENBERG was concerned lest, in conversation with the Soviets, he contradict an individual who recently conferred with them, and he stated he planned to discuss this matter with this person at the first opportunity. (The Bureau and Chicago are referred to the case entitled "SOLO-IS-C").

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With regard to certain large sums of money which were to be sent by the Soviets to the CP USA via the CP of Canada, TRACHTENBERG told CG 5824-S the following: Because this money was reaching the CP USA too slowly, EUGENE DENNIS requested that TRACHTENBERG arrange that some of it be channeled to the CP USA through TRACHTENBERG. TRACHTENBERG conferred with his "guy" (Soviet contact) about this, complaining that the money was coming in too slowly. He deliberately refrained, however, from requesting that, as DENNIS requested, some of the money be channeled through TRACHTENBERG. His purpose in not following DENNIS' instruction was this: He never did want to be a channel for these funds, and in view of his contemplated trip to Moscow, he does not want to become involved in any operation that may jeopardize his chances to go abroad. Temporarily, at least, he intends to remain "clear," and to be most careful regarding his contacts. He complained of being ill, stating he is suffering from dizzy spells which will require his consulting a physician. TRACHTENBERG is particularly anxious to be in Moscow during the January 21st Congress.

According to DENNIS, V. J. JEROME is currently preparing to go to Poland and thence to the Soviet Union. He intends to be abroad for a year. He will go to Poland to obtain material for a book he is currently writing. He has written some documents on the Jewish Question, which he will take to the Soviet Union. He has applied for a passport and anticipates being in Moscow for the 21st Congress in January. According to CG 5824-S JEROME knows little about the inner-Party situation.

Also, according to DENNIS, PAUL NOVICK is preparing to go to Moscow. By reason of his anti-Party attitude regarding the Jewish Question, NOVICK will not be given any official Party credentials. DENNIS may notify the Soviets that although NOVICK is a C.P. member, he is anti-Party as regards the Jewish Question.

DENNIS further stated that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and JAMES JACKSON are preparing to go to Moscow. They may be

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"the officially announced delegates" to the 21st Congress in Moscow. DENNIS desires that FLYNN and JACKSON spend three months in the Soviet Union.

DENNIS also mentioned that JOHN ABT is seriously considering going to Moscow at this time. He did not indicate that ABT would go for other than personal reasons.

CG 5824-S further reported that the Mexican Party Congress scheduled for September 29th has been postponed. By direction of EUGENE DENNIS, CG 5824-S has prepared a letter addressed to the President of Mexico, and signed by EUGENE DENNIS, protesting raids against the CP in Mexico during August, 1958. The said letter is being mailed on 9/17/58 and a copy thereof will be published in "The Worker."

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DATE: 9/18/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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Remy airtel, 9/18/58, captioned "CP, USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; IS-C" which set out information regarding CP members preparing to go abroad in the near future.

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the sources.

On 9/17/58 CG 5824-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, (conceal) orally advised SA [ ] that informant had held a conversation that date with V. J. JEROME. JEROME advised the informant that he planned to leave NYC on 9/19/58 to go to Rochester, where his son is in school. He stated in Rochester he would say good bye to his son and immediately go to Montreal where he would depart for

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- 3 - Bureau (100-3-81) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-18961) (CP, USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S\*) (RM)
- 1 - NY 66-6989 (Inv) (7-5)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-25907 (V. J. JEROME) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-7918 (PAUL NOVICK) (12-10)
- 1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (7-5)

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London. JEROME said that in London he would attempt to make arrangements at the Polish Embassy to obtain a visa to enter Poland. According to JEROME, his attempt to obtain the visa to enter Poland in the USA resulted in a failure and he did not desire the expense of a trip to Washington in order to insure receipt of a visa to enter Poland.

JEROME advised CG 5824-S\* that he planned to spend approximately one year abroad, most of which time would be spent in England, where he would attempt to finish his current book. However, he stated that he would try to spend at least a few months in Poland and the Soviet Union.

On the same date informant advised he had conferred with EUGENE DENNIS who advised informant that although V. J. JEROME will not be traveling abroad with credentials of the CP, USA, and he will not be a representative of the Jewish Commission of the CP, USA, the Party desired him to travel abroad inasmuch as he would be in the company of PAUL NOVICK or at least would be traveling the same route as NOVICK. DENNIS said that inasmuch as the CP, USA, is not satisfied with the line of NOVICK (editor of "Morning Freiheit") JEROME would be able to compensate for NOVICK's "unhealthy" line on the Jewish question.

DENNIS further advised CG 5824-S\* that the Soviets would not receive JEROME as an official CP, USA, representative but that the CP, USA, would furnish the individuals with credentials indicating that JEROME was the editor of "Political Affairs," a former National Committee member, a person who had served a prison term for a Smith Act violation and that as such in the eyes of the CP, USA, he was a trusted comrade. In regard to NOVICK, DENNIS stated that he has no CP commission to travel abroad whatsoever, but that he would go chiefly as a newspaper man and for this reason would probably be accepted in the Soviet Union. DENNIS commented that the "Jewish Day" and the "Jewish Forward," NYC newspapers, have representatives in the Soviet Union.

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CG 5824-S\* was also able to determine from DENNIS that the CP, USA, would pay no funds for the transportation of V. J. JEROME abroad. However, DENNIS pointed out that JEROME has royalties for one of his books waiting for him in Warsaw and that he anticipates utilizing these funds to cover the expenses of the trip. DENNIS also stated that JEROME may possibly send articles back to the USA on the subject of the Jewish question.

CG 5824-S\* stated that he also conferred with JACK STACHEL on 9/17/58 and STACHEL advised informant that NOVICK in all likelihood would only spend a few weeks or the most a few months abroad. STACHEL stated that he had determined that NOVICK has a brother residing in the Soviet Union. NOVICK stated he had not heard from his brother in years, but that when he forwarded a recent book to his brother, the book was acknowledged by a letter from his brother's son. STACHEL commented to informant that this was very unusual and that possibly "something had happened" to NOVICK's brother in the Soviet Union. STACHEL stated that this was also a reason why the CP, USA, did not desire to give credentials to NOVICK for his travel abroad.

CG 5824-S\* further advised that he had determined that NOVICK did receive a visa to enter Poland in Washington, D.C., but that he was unable to receive a visa to enter the Soviet Union in Washington. Informant stated that these individuals will travel abroad and they have been told that when they are in Warsaw the Soviets will be notified (probably through ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) and therefore the Russians will make the decision on whether they want to contact these individuals and permit them to enter the Soviet Union. Informant stated that in this manner, the CP, USA, will not be assuming responsibility for the travel of these individuals.

For information.

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Date: 9/24/58

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429200)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136078)

SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE TO RECONSTITUTE  
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Rerep SA [REDACTED], 9/18/58 and Bulet to  
NY 9/18/58.

Concerning organization of the Provisional Committee in the NY district, rerep above on pages 41 through 44 contain such information. It is also noted that [REDACTED] has advised that [REDACTED] ARMANDO ROMAN, HARRY HAYWOOD and GWEN HAYWOOD are active in the leadership of the NY district. However, informant has not advised as to their titles or positions.

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3 - Bureau (100-429200) (RM)  
2 - Los Angeles (RM)  
2 - Newark (RM)  
2 - San Francisco (RM)  
1 - New York 100-57767 (ALICE BEGUN) (12-15)  
1 - New York 100-4119 (ISADORE BEGUN) (12-15)  
1 - New York 100-13336 (ARMANDO ROMAN) (7-5)  
1 - New York 100-86971 [REDACTED] (7-6)  
1 - New York 100-114961 (GWEN HAYWOOD) (12-11)  
1 - New York 100-86516 [REDACTED] (12-15)  
1 - New York 100-135728 [REDACTED] (12-14)  
1 - New York 100-95912 [REDACTED] (12-11)  
1 - New York 100-99873 (BARNEY JOSEPHSON) (12-14)  
1 - New York 65-34 (LEON JOSEPHSON) (12-14)  
1 - New York 100-136276 (MARXIST-LENINIST VANGUARD) (7-5)  
① - New York 134-91 (INVES) (7-5)  
1 - New York 100-136078

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[redacted] advised on 9/22/58 that Mr. (ARMANDO) ROMAN had made arrangements for a meeting of the Anchor Club (name used by the NY District Provisional Committee) in Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, 40 East 7th Street, NYC, the evening of 9/26/58. NY plans coverage by ~~unusual~~ *confidential* investigative techniques and believes it may possibly obtain information concerning the NY District organization.

[redacted] advised on 9/22/58 that on 9/18/58 he had learned from ARMANDO ROMAN that ARMANDO had met with the group in (New) Jersey and had straightened them out on some things. ROMAN said that [redacted] had been telling them (the Jersey group) that the Party (CP, USA) had adopted the 12 Party Statement and that had caused some confusion in the Jersey group. ROMAN said that the group from Jersey were of a good size and were well organized. He said they are going to start a recruiting campaign soon. ROMAN felt that the Provisional Committee would soon have a sizeable group of members in New Jersey soon.

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[redacted] also advised on 9/22/58 that he had recently learned from [redacted] that [redacted] was to have a meeting of the Press Committee on 9/22/58 to work on the "Vanguard" (the Marxist-Leninist Vanguard). [redacted] said that the Press Committee was made up of GWEN HAYWOOD, [redacted] and himself, [redacted].

NY-694-S\* advised on 9/23/58 he had recently learned from ALICE BEGUN that in ISADORE BEGUN's 30 or 40 years with the Party he had never had a telephone in his residence but noted that now he has been pressured into installing one. (It is noted ISADORE BEGUN is on the National Steering Committee of the Provisional Committee). Informant also stated that ALICE and ISADORE BEGUN are presently looking for a new apartment. ALICE BEGUN advised that she was recently on the West Coast for other than personal reasons. Part of this time was spent in San Francisco and part of the time in Los Angeles where she contacted a lot of people. ALICE BEGUN

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said that EARNEY and LEON JOSEPHSON had offered ISADORE BEGUN a job but BEGUN had declined the offer. NY-694-S\* inferred that the JOSEPHSONs may have some form of relationship with the Provisional Committee or they would not have offered him a job. (It is noted that the JOSEPHSONs when contacted in recent months for a donation to the CP, USA, declined on the grounds that they wait until the present Party situation changed).

ALICE BEGUN stated that the "ultra-left" printed 1,000 copies of the "Vanguard." Informant stated he has no direct contact with ISADORE BEGUN inasmuch as BEGUN realizes that the informant deals with the Party on a continuing basis.

[redacted] advised on 9/23/58 that [redacted] (probably [redacted] in conversation with [redacted] on that date, referred to a meeting of the Executive Committee Friday night (9/26/58). It is believed [redacted] was referring to the meeting described above and in view of contemplated coverage NY feels it will obtain the leadership of the NY district.

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9/26/58

SA [REDACTED] (7-5)

LEON JOSEPHSON  
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Identity of Source: NY 694-S\* (protect), who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Date of Activity: 9/23/58

Date Received: 9/24/58

Received By: SA [REDACTED]

In a discussion with ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG on 9/23/58, NY 694-S\* mentioned to TRACHTENBERG that, according to rumor, LEON JOSEPHSON may be associated with the "Ultra-Left" group in the Party.

TRACHTENBERG indicated that such a rumor must be false. Over the years, he said, LEON has been "a scholar of Soviet law and economy." He has the best private collection of CP literature in the USA, including periodicals printed in all the democracies. He has up-to-date copies of Soviet legal decrees. In TRACHTENBERG's opinion, there is no better "scholar of Soviet law" than LEON.

The Russians think highly of him, were pleased with the two books he wrote, and even translated them into Russian. The Russians consider him to have "a good attitude."

TRACHTENBERG admitted that LEON had criticized the Party for not being sufficiently militant in fighting the "Right." For that, however, he should be commended. Two years ago, LEON had warned TRACHTENBERG that GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY was an "anti-Party element" and should not be in the Party.

- 1-NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (7-5)
- 1-NY 100-136078 (PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE TO RECONSTITUTE THE CPUSA) (7-5)
- 1-NY 100-37211 (CPUSA - FRACTIONALISM) (7-5)
- 1-NY 100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) (7-5)
- 1-NY 134-91 PNC (Env.) (7-5)
- 1-NY 65-34 (6)

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When others were not willing to be instructors at the Jefferson School, LEON was willing. He fought valiantly against the "Right," when others remained silent. LEON, to TRACHTENBERG'S knowledge, has been loyal to the Russians since 1923.



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-397666)

9/29/58

SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)

SAMUEL SPERBER, was.  
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Re Bureau letter, 9/19/58.

I. EVALUATION OF CASE ON SAMUEL SPERBER

A. Nature of Intelligence Mission

There can be no doubt that SPERBER has an intelligence mission in the United States if one reviews the conversations he has had with NY 694-S\* in the past. The contact between SPERBER and NY 694-S\* on 5/27/57, is of special interest in this regard because on this occasion SPERBER, for the first time, was more specific about his intelligence mission. It will be remembered that on this occasion SPERBER disclosed that his principals (the Poles) needed a source in the State Department, in Washington, D.C. When NY 694-S\* mentioned his familiarity with technical matters like optics and military photography, SPERBER expressed interest therein, and encouraged the informant to furnish leads on these topics. SPERBER also mentioned that the Poles were interested in many other things, including aviation.

The NYO feels that the nature of SPERBER's intelligence mission is broad in scope, encompassing the obtaining of information which is militarily, politically, and also economically helpful to Poland. At the time of the above meeting, however, SPERBER appeared to be more concerned about organization and liaison problems, such as "drops," "covers,"

- 4 - Bureau (100-397666) (RM)  
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1 - New York (100-102429) (JULIA SPERBER) (6)  
1 - New York (100-71582) (DAVE PARGAMENT) (6)  
2 - New York (134-91) (INVER.)  
1 - New York (105-22020) [redacted] (6)  
1 - New York (105-6061) (SAMUEL SPERBER) (6)

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transmission of monies, and passport matters, rather than the immediate obtainment of intelligence. This would suggest that SPERNER's intelligence set-up in the United States was in an early stage of development. This is not to say that SPERNER may not have been used by the Poles at an earlier time on special projects such as the investigation by the Poles of GERHARDT KISLER, and the attempt of SPERNER on behalf of JULIUSZ KATZ-SUCHY (Present Polish Ambassador to India) to persuade [redacted]

[redacted] (Bureau File 100-347633) to return to the employ of the Polish United Nations (UN) Delegation, at New York. JOSEPH WNIATKO, high ranking Polish intelligence defector, has disclosed that SPERNER and KATZ-SUCHY are long-time, friendly acquaintances, dating back to the 1930's in Poland.

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It is believed highly probable, therefore, that KATZ-SUCHY, when stationed in the United States as Polish Permanent Delegate to the UN and as Minister Plenipotentiary for Poland in the United States, may have used SPERNER to perform other duties for him in addition to those described above.

SPERNER's trip to France, however, during early 1956 seems to bear special significance with respect to his status at that time as a possible intelligence agent for the Poles in the light of his subsequent disclosures to NY 694-S\* concerning this trip. SPERNER told NY 694-S\* that he met certain high Polish Communist Party (CP) functionaries in France during this trip, and he implied that these people had outlined to him an intelligence mission in the United States. In this connection, SPERNER related that he had gone to a school in France in order to learn how to make "microdots" and also that he had been given a 35mm Zeiss Contax D camera while there, and with which he could make these "microdots." SPERNER's subsequent exhibitions of his prowess in this regard to NY 694-S\* is a matter of record.

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SPERBER's need to contact NY 694-B\* in the matter of obtaining the correct type film for his camera in order to make the "microdots" would indicate prior unfamiliarity with "microdot technique." Also, his request of the informant's aid in the matter of "drops," "business covers," "phony passports," "suitable meeting places," etc., certainly do not epitomize the actions of an experienced, professional intelligence agent.

The foregoing is set out, not for the purpose of creating the impression that SPERBER is a bumbling amateur in intelligence, but rather to differentiate between the highly trained, long-time, experienced intelligence agent, such as the Russian spy, RUDOLF ABEL, and a Communist (SPERBER), who undoubtedly has performed useful services for Communist Poland, such as his organizing activities in Poland for the Communists prior to World War II, and his services in the United States as described earlier in this letter, but to point up the probability that he may not have received any prior intelligence training applicable to the operation of an apparatus in the United States in which he would be an integral part.

It must be remembered that SPERBER, according to JOSEPH SWIATLO, had been expelled from the CP of the Western Ukraine in the 1930's for a morals offense, and had failed to get reinstated into the CP on the occasion of his earlier trip to Poland in 1950. It would appear unlikely, under the circumstances, that SPERBER was operating as an intelligence agent as of that time.

It must also be taken into account that when SPERBER met the Polish functionaries in France in 1956, there was a different situation existing in the internal administration of Poland as a result of the rise to power of GOMULKA. There had been a shakeup of top Polish intelligence personnel who had been connected with the earlier arrest and imprisonment of the new secretary of the Polish CP, whereas SPERBER may not have been acceptable (as a potential intelligence agent rather than a source of KATZ-SUCHY) in 1950 to the Polish Intelligence hierarchy, he may have, upon the recommendation of KATZ-SUCHY, finally made the grade in 1956, thus accounting for his intelligence training in France.

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Thus, with respect to the length of time SPERBER's intelligence set-up has been operating, the NYO feels we were in on the "ground floor" when NY 694-S\* first reported contact with SPERBER shortly after the latter's return to the United States from France in March, 1956.

During 1956 and the first part of 1957, SPERBER was observed to visit Hector's Cafeteria on the first of each month for 15 consecutive months. He was never observed to make a contact on these occasions. It may be that his presence at Hector's on these occasions merely denoted to a confederate passerby that SPERBER's project or mission was moving along smoothly with no problems which would necessitate a meeting.

The NYO believes, however, that SPERBER expected to be contacted after a number of visits and was puzzled and disappointed by the lack of contact. NY bases its opinion on the fact that SPERBER, on several occasions, remarked to NY 694-S\* in 1956 and 1957, that liaison with his Polish principals left something to be desired and that apparently a great deal of patience was necessary in these matters (intelligence work).

For instance, on 4/2/57, SPERBER told NY 694-S\* that he wished his wife, JULIA, would get a passport and go abroad as she could solve a lot of problems for him. This remark was made after SPERBER had visited Hector's Cafeteria the day previous, his 13th consecutive visit. His last visit to Hector's Cafeteria in the above series was on 6/1/57. It is now known that SPERBER was absent from his residence in NYC, between 6/3/57 and 6/6/57. Subsequent investigation disclosed that he had boarded a plane in NYC bound for Montreal, Canada, on 6/3/57. Upon his return to NYC, he confided to NY 694-S\* that he had met his friend, whom he described as "from the highest of the high." SPERBER also said that a year ago his problem was the question of contact "with the other side" but now his problem was establishing liaison among apparatus people.

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Thus, another indication is given that SPERBER's intelligence apparatus was not a "going business" at that time, but rather one in which elementary liaison with his principals abroad and confederates in the United States had not even been established as yet. SPERBER, himself, on the occasion of speaking to NY 694-S\* on 6/10/57, after his return from Canada, mentioned that the delay in his project was due to changes in the international situation in the past year, and also because of the Polish internal situation.

It should be noted further that after SPERBER made his contact in Canada on 6/3-6/57, he no longer visited Hector's Cafeteria on the first of the month thereafter. It is obvious, therefore, to conclude that SPERBER must have been given new instructions from his contact in Canada concerning his future duties in the intelligence set-up.

It has been pointed out that SPERBER has been noted to have acid stains on his fingers as a result of his "microdot" developing activity. It does not necessarily follow in the view of the NYO that this means SPERBER was actively processing intelligence information for transmittal to his superiors. If it is logical to assert that SPERBER was newly trained in "microdot" making, it appears to be fair to conclude that SPERBER would have to practice this technique at home on his own for some time without instruction and under new conditions which would henceforth prevail in his intelligence undertaking. In this connection, it should be noted that when SPERBER returned from France in 1956, he was observed on a number of occasions in NYC carrying his 35mm Zeiss Contax D camera. There was evidence also that SPERBER at the outset used this camera on the least provocation to take pictures of his friends and neighbors. It is believed that SPERBER merely was familiarizing and preparing himself for the day when he would be called upon to use the camera in connection with his intelligence activities.



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Another indication of his unfamiliarity and uncertainty in the field of photography is evidenced by his dependence on NY 694-S\* to take him to a place where his camera could be adjusted for maximum efficiency. SPERBER's short training in France in the art of "microdot" making may have created the impression with NY 694-S\* that he was a photographic expert but in view of the above described inconsistencies, the NYO feels his knowledge thereof is limited to his training abroad.

The purpose of the above comments bearing on the nature of SPERBER's intelligence mission in the United States, is to point up the probability that SPERBER's "project" may not have gotten "off the ground" during the period dating from NY 694-S\*'s first contact with him on 3/9/56 and 6/3-6/57, when SPERBER met his contact in Canada. This embraces a period of 15 months; a period which on the surface appeared quite active because of SPERBER's travels to Canada, his revelations to NY 694-S\* concerning his mission and the fact that his hands were stained by acid developer. It is felt, however, that these activities merely were manifestations of preparation by SPERBER for things to come in his intelligence project, rather than intelligence activity itself.

It is believed SPERBER's visits to Canada, prior to 6/3-6/57, were intended to ascertain the reason for the delay of his project and an attempt to meet his principal there. His reaction after returning from Canada in June of 1957, would indicate that he met his true principal for the first time.

The nature of SPERBER's possible intelligence activities subsequent to June, 1957, will be dealt with later in this letter.

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B. SPENNER's Principal

It is believed that SPENNER's principal is the individual he met in Canada during the period, 6/3-6/57, as described earlier in this letter.

The NYO believes this individual arrived in Canada sometime immediately prior to June, 1957. The NYO bases its opinion on the fact that SPENNER described his contact as having come from Poland and as having been "on the road" prior to his meet with SPENNER. Certain leads were set out at that time by the NYO (see NY letter to the Bureau, 7/12/57, under SPENNER's caption) in an attempt to identify this individual, but the Bureau felt it advisable not to conduct an investigation in Canada at that time. Later in this letter the Bureau is requested to reconsider its decision in this regard.

As the Bureau is aware, SPENNER was known to be in contact with ANTONI CZARKOWSKI, First Secretary of the Polish Delegation to the UN, on the same day (6/1/57) he (SPENNER) made reservations for a Trans-Canada Airlines flight to Montreal, Canada, for 6/3/57.

The NYO was of the opinion that CZARKOWSKI had relayed instructions to SPENNER from Canada for him to proceed there forthwith.

The NYO has not detected any subsequent contact between the subject and CZARKOWSKI, but considers the latter as a possible link between SPENNER and his principal. Sources at NY continue to be alert for any contact between SPENNER and CZARKOWSKI.

G. Other Persons Who May Be Involved With SPERBER

1. ISRAEL LUBLIN (Bufile 100-36264)

As the Bureau is aware, LUBLIN is a resident of Silver Springs, Maryland. By letter to the Bureau, dated 8/26/56, captioned, "ISRAEL LUBLIN; IS-C," the WFO reviewed their investigation on LUBLIN, including the latter's various contacts with SPERBER. WFO concluded that since their relationship appeared to be open and social in nature, further investigation was not deemed warranted.

The WFO believes there must be something more to SPERBER's relationship with LUBLIN in view of SPERBER's actions on 10/25, 26/56. It will be remembered that on the evening of 10/25/56, SPERBER left his residence and proceeded to a pay telephone booth located in a bar near his home, from which point, as has been established, he made a telephone call to the LUBLIN residence in Silver Springs, Maryland. After making the call, SPERBER went to a Greyhound Bus Station and purchased a ticket to Washington, D.C. On the morning of 10/26/56, SPERBER was observed to board a bus for Washington, D.C. On arriving there, he visited the Library of Congress for about one hour and 15 minutes, and then returned to the Greyhound Bus Station, where he obtained transportation back to NY.

SPERBER subsequently confided to NY 694-S\* that he felt he was being tailed during the week of his trip to Washington, and since he did not want to lead anyone to his friends, he called a "guy" from the Library and told the latter's wife (most likely SONIA LUBLIN, wife of ISRAEL) that he was in town, indicated he was being watched and stated he was going right back to NY. Upon his return to NY, SPERBER was in such a state of alarm that he gave the "plates" (Kodak high resolution film) to his wife, JULIA, who, in turn, gave them to "somebody" to take care of.



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The only conclusion which can be drawn from SPERBER's actions on 10/25, 26/36, is that he was extremely apprehensive for anyone to ascertain that he intended to contact ISRAEL LUBLIN, at that time. The fact that SPERBER's subsequent contacts with LUBLIN appeared to be open and without evidence of any attempt at concealment, does not, in the opinion of the NYO, minimize the above-described activity of SPERBER in Washington, D.C.

Since the above visit by SPERBER to Washington, D.C., he is known to have been in contact with LUBLIN on several occasions at an estate farm in Nicodemus, NY. These contacts usually occurred on Jewish holidays, such as the recent Rosh Hashanah holiday, which was spent by the SPERBERS at the above farm. On returning to NY, from this farm, SPERBER confided to NY 2192-S\* that his "friends from Washington" also had been at the farm.

The NYO has surveyed this farm for possible coverage of activities there, but have found it impractical and unsecure because of its physical location. The tenants or guests at this farm are known to the proprietor and are usually acquainted with the other tenants. There is no way to determine the nature of conversations which undoubtedly occur between LUBLIN and SPERBER on these occasions.

A review of LUBLIN's file shows he was considered to be a close acquaintance to former Polish Ambassador to the United States JOSEPH MINIEWICZ, who is now a top functionary in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. JULIA SPERBER (Bufile 100-408563)

SPERBER's action in transferring his "plates" to another individual through his wife, JULIA, as described above, would indicate that his wife is aware, at least in general, of his intelligence mission in the United States.

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The NYC, however, on the basis of information furnished by NY 2192-S\* and NY 2219-S\*, bearing on their domestic relationship, does not believe that SPERBER confides fully in his wife concerning his intelligence activities or for that matter even his routine activities. SPERBER and his wife bicker a great deal and their relationship is anything but harmonious. This relationship is being followed closely for any sign of a definite break between them.

3. SAM BROWN (Bufile 100-87638)

Since SAM BROWN first brought SPERBER to the attention of NY 694-S\* and because he is aware that SPERBER has a mission for the "Poles," the NYC must consider him as a possible confederate of SPERBER's, if not at present then possibly at some future time. It is believed, however, that aside from BROWN's certain knowledge that SPERBER has an intelligence mission, he is not in SPERBER's apparatus at the present time. It is believed further that SPERBER has confided more to NY 694-S\* than to BROWN about his activities. Nevertheless, it is felt in view of the above and the fact that BROWN has been a long-time CP functionary, he may be called upon by SPERBER from time to time for advice and possibly aid in some phases of SPERBER's operations.

4. [REDACTED] (Bufile 100-35465)

[REDACTED] association with SPERBER is covered later in this letter under the caption of his name.

5. DAVE FARGAMENT (Bufile 100-35464)

DAVE FARGAMENT continues to be in contact with SPERBER on a fairly regular basis. There is no concrete indication that FARGAMENT is a confederate of SPERBER's.

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but an accumulation of information bearing on the nature of their contacts as reported by NY 2192-S\* has led the NYO to believe that PARGAMENT is probably more than just a social contact. NY 2192-S\* has reported conversations between SPERBER and PARGAMENT which, unlike those contacts of SPERBER with any of his friends, are couched in double talk. They never refer to an individual or location by name, but as "him" or "her" or "that place."

The above, coupled with the knowledge that PARGAMENT, in 1949, was a known contact of LEON WINTER, a member of the Polish Military Intelligence, stationed in NYC at that time, would appear to warrant inclusion of PARGAMENT as a likely confederate of SPERBER's. The NYO will intensify its investigation of PARGAMENT.

6. BERTHA JOSLOVE

BERTHA JOSLOVE is a sister of JULIA SPERBER, wife of SAMUEL SPERBER. JOSLOVE presently resides at 3780 Flammion Street, Apartment 12, Montreal, Canada. It is known that when SPERBER visits Montreal, he stays at the residence of BERTHA JOSLOVE. SPERBER's various visits to Canada in 1956 and 1957, without his wife, are indicative in the view of the NYO, that his principal was to be located there at that time. While JOSLOVE may not be directly involved in SPERBER's operation, she must have at least some general knowledge of his intelligence mission.

In addition, JOSLOVE has a Communist background in Canada and this, coupled with information furnished by NY 2192-S\* that she, unlike her other sisters, is very cautious and circumspect when using the telephone at SPERBER's residence, would mark her as a possible confederate of SPERBER's in Canada.

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7. VICTOR PERLO (Bufile 100-362123)  
CONSTANTINE RADZIE (Bufile 100-330911)  
LAWRENCE BURNSTEIN (Bufile 100-32553)

PERLO, RADZIE, and BURNSTEIN are rather infrequent contacts of SPERBER. In view, however, of the background of these men in CP activities in the United States, which includes clandestine and intelligence overtones, it is felt advisable not to exclude them as possible confederates of SPERBER. With this in mind, the NYO has been constantly alert for further information which would spell out specifically the nature of the relationships of these men with SPERBER.

D. Location of "Drop" and Meeting Places

SPERBER and his wife, JULIA, have a wide circle of social contacts, most of whom have Communist backgrounds. The residence of any one of these people conceivably could be used as a "drop" or meeting place. It is felt, however, that the residence of the individuals listed heretofore as possible confederates of SPERBER, are probably better prospects as likely "drops" or locations for meetings. It is also possible that locations other than the residences of the above-suspected confederates such as cafeterias and coffee shops where SPERBER invariably meets DAVE PARAGANT and [redacted] respectively, could be used as meeting places. Further, it should be noted that SPERBER is known to visit the NY Public Library on occasion; another location which conceivably could be used as a "drop" or meeting place.

Continued vigilance is being afforded the above possibilities as "drops" and meeting places.



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II Referenced Bureau letter requests NYO to consider and comment upon the following:

A. Surveillance of SPERBER in Canada

The NYO recommends that the RCMP be requested to cover SPERBER's activities under certain circumstances when he travels to Canada again. The request, of course, should be based on the extent of knowledge NY 694-S\* may have concerning SPERBER's itinerary. For instance, if SPERBER mentions to NY 694-S\* that in a few months he intends to make a contact in Canada, this should not, in the view of the NYO, deter the request of coverage by the RCMP, if the informant does not receive any further details concerning the proposed trip or the actual date of departure from SPERBER. If, however, SPERBER confides fully in NY 694-S\* concerning his itinerary, then it is believed advisable that the RCMP not be informed. However, even in this instance it is believed that surveillance by NYO agents should be made to determine the ultimate destination of SPERBER in Canada. This can be done with complete security if SPERBER travels by bus. Agents at NY could follow the bus to insure that SPERBER does not leave it en route to Canada. In Canada, Agents could discreetly tail SPERBER to his destination and thereupon drop the surveillance.

Of course, if NY 694-S\* has no knowledge whatsoever concerning an impending trip of SPERBER outside the United States, and this information is obtained solely through the investigative effort of the NYO, then it is felt that the RCMP should certainly be requested to cover SPERBER's activities while abroad.

B. Utilization of INS

In any interview of SPERBER by INS, NY, it is felt that very little will be gained. Any questions directed to him concerning his trips out of the United States can readily

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be answered by him in partial truth, to the effect that these trips were made to visit relatives and/or friends in both Canada and France. Any inquiries directed to SPERBER concerning his trips to Canada alone, could jeopardize NY 694-S\* who was familiar on some occasions with SPERBER's complete itinerary there.

One possibility in this regard is that SPERBER may be shaken somewhat by INS if they interrogate him concerning the information furnished by JOSEPH SWIATLO, about his trip to Poland in 1950. It is not known whether SPERBER's indictment of JULIUS KATZ-SUCHY, as a possible Agent for the United States at that time, was ever found out by the latter. At any rate SPERBER's reactions to these questions should be interesting.

It is not recommended that an agent of this office sit in on the interview of SPERBER by INS, because any questions bearing on his intelligence activities in the United States would only serve to place him on the defensive. Further, since INS has not received any reports on SPERBER since his initial contact with NY 694-S\*, we may create the impression with INS at this interview, that we have additional information concerning him which has not been made available to them.

It is recommended, however, that liaison be maintained with INS at NY for the results of their investigation of SPERBER.

#### G. Application of DESECO Procedures

Since SPERBER's social circle is composed almost entirely of individuals known to have Communist backgrounds, it is felt that DESECO procedures would not lend themselves in this case. However, should continuing investigation disclose some possibility in this direction, the NYO will exploit the matter in the fullest degree.

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D. Utilization of NY 694-S\*

It is believed that the return of SPERBER's camera to him by NY 694-S\* must wait upon the initiative of SPERBER rather than NY 694-S\*, since SPERBER very definitely instructed the informant to keep the camera until he should ask for it. It is felt, however, that it would be normal and logical for NY 694-S\* to contact SPERBER in the near future since he has not seen him since 4/10/58. At such a meeting, NY 694-S\* casually could bring up the matter of the camera and inquire whether SPERBER would be needing it in the near future. Also, at such time NY 694-S\* could so direct certain inquiries which might elicit a clue as to the reason for SPERBER's inactivity in recent months. It must be remembered that SPERBER's favorite method of making "microdots" was with the above camera and that NY 694-S\* was informed of this by SPERBER himself.

The Bureau is requested to reconsider its decision with respect to keeping NY 694-S\* away from SPERBER. It is believed that the informant can become involved in SPERBER's operation up to a point at which it may not be necessary to depend on the informant for the further development of the case against SPERBER. Since SPERBER's operation is undoubtedly of a long term nature (he is a naturalized citizen of the United States with continued residence in NYC since coming from Poland and is not likely to leave the country) it may be possible after a certain length of time to cut NY 694-S\* from his operation after enough information is obtained, especially with regard to the identity of SPERBER's confederates, to allow us to develop the matter thereafter on our own.

E. Concerning SPERBER's Safe Deposit Box

As has been shown, a definite correlation exists between SPERBER's trips out of the United States and his

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visits to his safe deposit box. This is so in the view of the NYO because first of all these trips cost money and SPERBER undoubtedly has funds in his safe deposit box which are separate and apart from those in his savings account, and on which he can withdraw in order to finance his trips. Withdrawals from his regular savings account show no irregularities which would indicate that this account is used to finance SPERBER's trips.

Secondly, his safe deposit box undoubtedly contains his naturalization papers as well as those of his wife. Technically, a naturalized citizen of the United States must be able to show proof of his United States citizenship when he travels to Canada.

Thirdly, his safe deposit box may contain a set of false identification papers which SPERBER might find necessary to carry on some of his trips out of the United States.

Fourth, it is possible that coded instructions of some sort may be in his safe deposit box along with other items which may give a clue as to the scope and objectives of his intelligence operation.

The immediate intelligence value of the contents of SPERBER's safe deposit box is considered at the present time to outweigh the evidential value of same; however, discreet approaches in order to cultivate a highly confidential source in regard to the box, have not met with any encouragement on which we could base some hope for success in this direction.

F. Development of Confidential Source at SPERBER's Residence

Surveys have been made at SPERBER's new residence at 220 West 71st Street, NYC, for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of cultivating a confidential source there.



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Although preliminary checks have indicated that this undertaking will be more difficult than at his previous residence, it is believed that this source can be activated again. Unlike SPERBER's previous residence at 305 Central Park West, where he had only one elderly tenant neighbor on his floor, the building in which he now resides is fully occupied with three other tenants on his floor. Efforts are continuing at NY to activate this highly confidential source.

In connection with the itinerary of SPERBER's wife, JULIA, for her impending trip abroad, the Bureau is advised that NY 2192-3\* reported in recent weeks that JULIA SPERBER is now undecided about going abroad. SAMUEL SPERBER has exhibited some irritation over his wife's indecision and confided to a friend that he did not intend to advise his wife one way or the other as to what she should do. At any rate, coverage of the SPERBERs at NY is believed to be adequate for the purpose of determining her itinerary. The Bureau will be kept advised as her plans become known.

### III SUMMARY OF EVALUATION ON SPERBER'S CASE

If one were to break down into separate sections, the period of time dating back to 3/9/56, when SPERBER first came to the attention of NY 694-3\*, certain key dates stand out which, upon examination and analysis, show turning points in SPERBER's activities. For example, the first period from 3/9/56 to 6/6/57, finds SPERBER very active with respect to travelling, visiting Hector's Cafeteria, contacting NY 694-3\*, and voicing various requests to the informant. This period, as mentioned earlier in this letter marked, in the view of the NYO, feverish preparation by SPERBER in anticipation of his intelligence undertaking. During this period SPERBER, on several occasions, intimated to NY 694-3\* that he had liaison problems with his principals abroad.

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In the next period from 6/6/57 to 3/21/58, we find the relationship between SPERBER and NY 694-S\* cooling and it is believed that this was the direct result of the informant, upon the Bureau's instructions, excluding himself from any active part of SPERBER's operation. It was also during this period that SPERBER moved to his new residence.

On 3/21/58, of course, as the Bureau knows, SPERBER's son, RICHARD, committed suicide. As has been recorded, SPERBER and his wife were shocked and completely unprepared for this incident. SPERBER and his wife both became ill as a result and Mrs. SPERBER even up to this date is still, according to NY 2192-S\*, adversely affected with respect to her nervous condition. SPERBER, during the subsequent months after his son's death, stayed very close to his wife since she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

The third period, dating from 3/21/58 to the present, has been one of relative inactivity on the part of SPERBER. This period was marked by the last contact between NY 694-S\* and SPERBER on 4/10/58, at which time SPERBER gave his 35mm Zeiss Contax B camera to the informant and asked him to keep it for him until he should ask for it sometime.

The NYO was in accordance with the Bureau's opinion that SPERBER's inactivity cannot all be attributed to the demise of his son and that there may be other factors involved.

For example, it is not inconceivable that SPERBER has learned that someone is investigating him. It must be remembered that the Legat in Paris had caused to be conducted certain investigation in France in connection with SPERBER's visit there in 1956. One of SPERBER's contacts in France, namely one PAULINE COLLIER, had been interviewed concerning his movements and activities there at the time (see Bureau letter to Legat, Ottawa, 3/15/57, under caption of SAMUEL SPERBER). It is entirely logical that the news of this investigation has filtered back to SPERBER, causing him to go "into a shell."

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As the Bureau well knows, one of the tenets of Soviet and satellite intelligence is patience in the matter of setting up an apparatus, creating "drops", making nests, etc. There have been occasions in certain cases where months and even years have gone by before a decisive meet is made. Therefore, the NYC does not view with alarm the current inactivity of SPENNER. It is felt that his inactivity is temporary in nature and that he will become active again. Consequently, any approach of SPENNER at the present time for the purpose of doubling him, is believed to be premature. An intensive investigation has and is still being conducted on SPENNER, and the sources which have been providing information on him give no indication that an approach to SPENNER is warranted at this time. Of course, this situation will be constantly open to re-evaluation in the course of future events.

It should be pointed out that if relations between NY 694-S\* and SPENNER could be permitted to resume to the point of their former status, an excellent opportunity would be afforded on which basis the chances of approaching SPENNER for the purpose of successfully doubling him, could be more accurately assessed.

#### IV. EVALUATION OF CASE ON [REDACTED]

The case on [REDACTED] at NY hinges entirely on his contacts and association with SAMUEL SPENNER. While there is no conclusive information as to how [REDACTED] came to know SPENNER, it is believed that they became acquainted through [REDACTED] who is presently separated from his wife, [REDACTED] RICHARD SPENNER, deceased son of SAMUEL SPENNER, was listed [REDACTED] in 1957, as a reference on his application for employment at the United States Post Office, in NYC. When [REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau Agents at NY, she indicated that she had known the SPENNERS for many years when she lived on [REDACTED] in NYC, at the time the SPENNERS [REDACTED] (See Bufile 140-17108).

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[redacted] husband of [redacted] was an acquaintance of [redacted] when both attended Michigan State University in the 1940's.

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When SPERBER's son, RICHARD committed suicide on 3/21/58, [redacted] advised [redacted] of this fact and made arrangements with him to attend the funeral together.

While it is true as the Bureau indicates, that [redacted] and SPERBER have utterly dissimilar backgrounds, it must also be recognized that they have common interests in that both are interested in Marxist theory and history to the extent that they have become collectors of long out of print, rare, Marxist type publications. Further, it is known that both are avid chess enthusiasts.

Since [redacted] case is closely bound to that of SPERBER's, the nature of his intelligence mission, including the question of his principal, confederates, location of "drops" and meeting places, can only be considered in the light of his continuing association with SPERBER. Therefore, it is considered that those possibilities outlined under the evaluation of SPERBER's intelligence mission may apply in some degree to the case on [redacted]

This office agrees the investigation of [redacted] should be pointed towards an approach to him. [redacted] can be described as an "odd ball." He bears an excellent reputation in the field of "mathematical probability," and his professional associates know nothing of his interest in Marxist theory nor of his interest in erotic matters. [redacted] refusal to accept a promotion at Arthur Anderson and Company, is difficult to understand. A security clearance was necessary for his promotion. Since [redacted] resigned that job, he has been in financial difficulties to the extent that his father-in-law gives him money weekly. [redacted] wife is a would-be artist, whose sole interest seems to be learning to paint. They occupy poor quarters in [redacted] yet cannot be described as [redacted] is quite intelligent and any interview by Bureau Agents should be based on a ruse in no way connected with SPERBER. One of [redacted] consultant jobs may offer an opportunity for an interview. [redacted] reactions and his probable

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contact with SPERBER then can be considered in determining what type of approach would be most effective in order to double him.

This office will stay alert for this possibility and present same to the Bureau at the first opportunity.

V. PLAN OF ACTION

The NYO proposes the following leads as an effective course of action with respect to SPERBER's case:

1. The NYO will intensify its investigation on DAVE FARGAMENT, in order to determine if he is a member of SPERBER's apparatus.
2. The Bureau's permission is requested to utilize NY 694-S\* to a fuller extent in penetrating SPERBER's operation along the lines described in this letter.
3. The NYO will endeavor to activate a highly confidential source at the residence of SPERBER.
4. The Bureau is requested to reconsider its decision with respect to the leads set out in NY letter, 7/12/57, under SPERBER's caption with blank memo enclosures wherein certain investigation is requested [redacted]

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5. The NYO will continue to conduct surveillances on SPERBER on a selective basis consistent with security and good judgment.
6. The relationship between SPERBER and his wife is being followed closely and ways and means are being studied which might serve to exploit any definite break between them.
7. The Bureau is requested to have the WFO reopen its case on ISRAEL LUBLIN so that a continuing check can be made in order to identify his contacts and the reason for same.
8. Will endeavor to cultivate a highly confidential source with respect to any correspondence which SPERBER may receive from outside the United States.
9. Will continue to be alert to information provided by NY 2192-S\* and NY 2219-S\*.
10. Will continue to monitor the SPERBER's banking activities for any evidence of irregularity.
11. The Bureau is requested to have the Legat in Paris expedite the coverage of leads which were directed to them by blank memoranda through the Bureau on the basis of NY letter to the Bureau, dated 6/28/57, under SPERBER's caption.

The following course of action is recommended in case:

1. In line with the Bureau's suggestion in rebulet, the NYO will attempt to cultivate contacts in those firms for whom [ ] is employed.
2. Will, if the occasion warrants, reactivate a highly confidential source at [ ] residence.

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3. Will continue to conduct surveillances on [ ] in an effort to determine whether he is a part of SPERBER's operation.
4. Will be alert to exploit the use of technical devices at any future meetings between [ ] and SPERBER.
5. Will endeavor to cultivate a highly confidential source with respect to the correspondence received by [ ]
6. Will follow closely information furnished by NY 2375-S\*.
7. It is expected that when circumstances appear appropriate, an approach will be made to interview [ ] with the Bureau's permission, and with the ultimate goal of doubling him.

The Bureau's comments and observations, concerning the foregoing evaluations on SPERBER and [ ] and the planned courses of action in order to determine the nature of their activities, are invited.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 9/29/58  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)  
 SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION  
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NY 694-S\* advised SA [REDACTED] on 9/25/58 that on that date he discussed with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary in charge of Negro Affairs, the CP National Executive Committee meeting held in NYC on September 19, 20 and 21.

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JACKSON expressed satisfaction with the said meeting, stating that there had been unanimity at the meeting, and that to him it had been an important step in solidifying the Party leadership. JACKSON said he was pleased with ROBERT THOMPSON's report on the union situation, and happy about "the stand" CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had taken.

JACKSON mentioned that the "Ultra-Left" group in the

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  - (1 - 100-3-81) (CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
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  - (1 - 100-3-88) (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
- 2 - Chicago
  - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (INFO) (RM)
  - (1 - 134-46) (CG 5824-S\*) (INFO)
- 3 - San Francisco
  - (1 - 65-1242) ("MICKIE" LIMA) (INFO) (RM)
  - (1 - 65-415) (AL RICHMOND) (INFO)
  - (1 - 100- ) (PEOPLE'S WORLD) (INFO)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-2974) (MARTHA STONE) (INFO) (RM)
- ① - NY 134-91 (INV) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-136078 (PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE TO RECONSTITUTE THE CP, USA) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA-FACTIONALISM) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-116385 (OLGA AGOSTO) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50090 (SID STEIN) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (7-5)

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Party is desirous of making "international contacts," and that in that regard they had used for such purpose a woman, daughter of a prominent Venezuelan. This woman had been employed at the Venezuelan exhibit of the Brussels Fair. (It is believed that the reference<sup>is</sup> to OLGA AGOSTO - Bufile 100-408071.)

JACKSON said that he and ROBERT THOMPSON are suspicious of "MICKIE" LIMA. During the recent NEC meetings in NYC, they invited LIMA on two occasions to join them in the evening after the meetings. Each time he declined. By reason of the fact that SID STEIN's letter of resignation did not arrive at CP headquarters until after the NEC meetings, JACKSON and THOMPSON suspect that LIMA was contacting STEIN after each NEC meeting, and was "posting" him regarding the agenda at said meetings.

JACKSON further stated that he and THOMPSON resented the fact that West Coast people such as AL RICHMOND and "perhaps 'Mickie' LIMA" offered ABNER BERRY a job on the "People's World."

JACKSON expressed the opinion that one of the next to resign from the Party will be DOROTHY HEALY from the West Coast. As regards MARTHA STONE, she "may" resign, but at the present time "she is showing signs of hedging," stating that there are many things she does not understand and that she is "seeing things somewhat differently now."

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TO : SAC, NEWARK  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80640)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION  
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NY 604-64 advised SA [redacted] on 10/2/58 that on said date JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary for Southern and Negro Affairs, reported following: Sometime during the week-end of October 3-4-5, JACKSON will preside at an important meeting of a CP Negro group to be held in New Jersey at the home of the "girl friend" of NORMA HUDSON, member of National Committee. Identity of HUDSON's girl friend not known to NYO.

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2 - Newark (100- ) (RM)  
1 - NY 100-46785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-49317 (NORMA HUDSON) (7-5)  
1 - NY 134-91 (RM) (7-5)  
1 - NY 100-80640 (7-5)

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1 - SUP. JOHN KEARNEY (7-5)

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SA [REDACTED] (7-5)

IRVING POTASH  
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Identity of Source: NY 694-S, who has furnished  
reliable info in past (conceal).

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Date of Activity: 9/22/58

Date Received: 9/23/58

Received By: SA [REDACTED]

Re NY airtel dated 7/21/58, captioned "SASH; ESP-R," wherein it is set out that on 7/15/58 NY 694-S received the sum of \$4,000 from ELIZABETH MASCOLO presumably for transmittal to the CP USA.

Reference is also made to NY airtel dated 8/6/58 captioned "CP USA - FUNDS; IS-C," reflecting that the above-mentioned \$4,000 was money which the Russians had transmitted to TIM BUCK of the Canadian CP for the personal use of IRVING POTASH.

On 9/23/58 NY 694-S advised that on 9/22/58 he gave the aforesaid sum of \$4,000, of which he has been the custodian, to ISIDORE WOFSY for transmittal to POTASH.

- 1-NY 134-91 (Inv.) (6)
- 1-NY 100-74560 (CP USA - FUNDS) (7-5)
- 1-NY 100-19679 (ISIDORE WOFSY) (7-5)
- 1-NY (100-48033) (7-5)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-2115)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-21421)

ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG  
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NY 694-S\* advised SA [redacted] on 9/24/58 that on the previous day he had talked to ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, who discussed the following:

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"Progress Books," operated by ELIZABETH MASCOLO, TIM BUCK'S girl friend, ~~was~~ TRACHTENBERG'S company ("International Publishers") #997. TRACHTENBERG said that "since business is bad, and I want to show some activity on the books," he desired that when NY 694-S\* next should go to Toronto, the informant give TIM BUCK \$1000 of TRACHTENBERG'S money, and request that the said money be used to pay "Progress Books" indebtedness to "International Publishers."

NY 694-S\* stated that TRACHTENBERG made no further explanation of this unusual proposal except to say that he did not know whether this arrangement would be acceptable to BUCK, but that if it should be, he desired BUCK to send a check.

The informant expressed the opinion that TRACHTENBERG'S proposal may be for the purpose of cloaking some other financial operation of TRACHTENBERG'S.

Submitted for Bureau's information.

- 2-Bureau (61-2115) (RM)
- 1-New York 100-15140 (TIM BUCK) (6)
- 1-New York 100-57446 (ELIZABETH MASCOLO) (6)
- 1-New York 100-57557 (INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS) (7-1)
- 1-New York 134-91 (P&C) (Inv) (7-5)
- 1-New York 100-21421

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IRVING POTASH  
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant.

On 9/17/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, (conceal), advised that on that date he gave to LEM HARRIS the "big" suitcase that he was holding in his basement for IRVING POTASH. Informant stated that HARRIS will arrange to deliver this suitcase, which contains personal items, that informant obtained at the time of POTASH'S arrest, to POTASH sometime this week.

NY 694-S\* further advised that he is still retaining POTASH'S diaries which he has advised LEM HARRIS he will turn over to HARRIS within a week.

- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv.) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS) (12-13)
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (7-5)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-8057)

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EUGENE DENNIS  
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On 9/8/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [ ] a photograph picturing the head of a woman. Informant advised he obtained this photograph from EUGENE DENNIS on a trip to Maine in August, 1958.

The informant advised that the photograph was of the sister-in-law of EUGENE DENNIS who is presently residing in Moscow with DENNIS' son, TIM. DENNIS requested, NY 694-S\* to have copies of a negative which he gave the informant made into prints and the photograph which is being herewith being submitted as an exhibit was one of the extra copies of the prints.

The original photograph, as made available by NY 694-S\*, made be located as Exhibit 1A217 of NY 100-8057.

- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv.) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (7-5)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

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SA [REDACTED]

CP, USA - FUNDS  
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Attached herewith is a list of serial numbers of money made available to the NYO on 8/21/58, by NY 694-S\*. The informant received the money, which totaled \$12,000.00 on 8/21/58, from ALEXANDER TRACTENBERG.

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This money has been checked by SA [REDACTED] against the known serial numbers of currency issued to Soviet establishments in Washington, D.C. and NYC, and it has been determined that one of the bills was identical to money issued to the Soviet establishment in Washington. A separate communication has been dictated regarding the identical bill.

A list of the dates and serial numbers of each bill, made available by NY 694-S\*, is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv.) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (7-5)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

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SA [ ] (7-0)

CP, USA - FUNDS  
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Attached herewith to each copy of this memorandum is a list of money received from NY 694-S\* on 9/8/58. Informant originally received this money from ELIZABETH MASCOLO on 9/8/58, and the money totaled \$12,000.00.

The serial numbers of the money have been checked by SA [ ] against the known currency issued to Soviet establishments in Washington, D.C., and NYC, and they have been found not to be identical.

This list of the serial numbers of the currency is being retained for possible future use.

- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv.) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (7-5)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-85624)

CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 9/23/58, captioned as above.

On 9/23/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), advised SA [redacted] that while in Toronto on September 18th and 19th, 1958, he was told by VIN DUCI, Canadian CP leader, that the latter "is not content with the number of papers received from the CP, USA for 'World Marxist Review'".

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DUCI requested that his complaint be reported to EUGENE DENNIS. He also requested that he be furnished the name and address of every important CP functionary so that a copy of the above-mentioned publication might be mailed to such functionaries from Canada.

According to NY 694-S, he furnished the information regarding DUCI's request to NY 5824-S\*, who subsequently discussed the matter with DENNIS.

3 - Bureau (100-3-81)(RM)  
1 - (1 - 100-3-86) (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)  
2 - Chicago (100-1378) (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (INFO)  
1 - (1 - 134-46) (CP 5824-S\*) (RM)  
1 - NY 100-15140 (VIN DUCI) (C)  
1 - NY 100-85675 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)  
1 - NY 134-91 (NY 694-S\*) (7-3)  
1 - NY 69-680 (CP 5824-S\*) (7-3)  
1 - NY 100-81075 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (7-3)  
1 - NY 100-85624 (7-3)

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SA JAMES P. KEHOE (#6)

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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND  
REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT  
THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

On 9/29/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past (conceal identity), orally furnished  
the following information to SAS [redacted]  
[redacted] and JAMES P. KEHOE:

The informant looked at the passport photograph  
of ANDREW JELLEN and stated that this individual was known to  
him by the nickname CASEY and that his last name was KASINOWITZ.  
He stated that he obtained the ANDREW JELLEN identity for  
KASINOWITZ and sent him off to radio school in Moscow. He  
could recall no details of how he obtained the JELLEN identity  
but recalled doing it.

He stated that KASINOWITZ married a Bulgarian  
girl and returned with her to the US and that he believed  
KASINOWITZ was now on the West Coast and had been arrested  
there during the arrests of the Smith Act subjects under  
another name, as he had seen his picture in the paper at this  
time.

It is noted that NY file 100-24633 concerns  
SAMUEL HARRY KASINOWITZ, and it is believed that this  
individual is identical with the JELLEN - KASINOWITZ the  
informant spoke about.

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- 1 - New York (134-91) (INV.)
- 1 - New York (100-98930) (UNSUB, wa., Andrew Jellen)
- 1 - New York (100-99225) (UNSUB, wa., Melville Howard Lynch)
- 1 - New York (100-99223) (UNSUB, wa., ANNIE NYLAND)
- 1 - New York (65-17664) (UNSUB, wa., WILLIAM JOSEPH GORDON)
- 1 - New York (100-24633) (SAMUEL HARRY KASINOWITZ)
- 1 - New York (105-30041) (SOVROB)

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With regard to the photograph of the unknown subject, wa., Annie Nyland, the informant stated he had seen her around NY and that he believed she was a New York individual but he did not know her identity.

With regard to the photograph of the unknown subject, wa., Melville Howard Lynch, the informant stated that he believed this individual came from Milwaukee but could furnish no further details regarding him.

With regard to WILLIAM JOSEPH GORDON, the informant stated that he now recalled that the individual utilizing the identity of GORDON spoke English with a Russian accent.

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Date: 10/1/58

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Via AIRTEL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-105)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-131666)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA  
SOUTHERN REGION  
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NY 694-S\* advised SA [redacted] on 9/30/58 he had had a discussion that date with JAMES E. JACKSON, Secretary of Negro and Southern Affairs, CP, USA. b6  
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JACKSON stated that the Southern Regional Committee meeting originally scheduled to be held 9/27-28/58 in NYC had been postponed until the second week in November. JACKSON indicated the reason for this postponement was the case involving [redacted] who is being groomed as JACKSON's assistant in Southern Regional activities and secondly, because of the information regarding this meeting which appeared in the column of WALTER WINCHELL. It is noted that approximately two weeks ago, WINCHELL's column in the "New York Mirror" reflected that a meeting of CP functionaries from the South would take place in NYC on the weekend of 9/27-28/58 at 350 West 110th St., (the residence address of SYLVIA HALL).

JACKSON said that [redacted] and LOU BURNHAM left NYC that day for Alabama, and were given \$600 for the trip which depleted the treasury of the Southern Regional Committee. JACKSON indicated BURNHAM was accompanying [redacted] on this trip

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-105)(RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Dallas (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Houston (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Miami (Info)(RM)
- 2 - Mobile (RM)
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- 1 - New York (100-131666)

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to make sure there was no sudden extradition of [ ] to Louisiana. NY 694-S\* advised he drew the impression there is a criminal type case pending against [ ] in Louisiana, possibly contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

JACKSON indicated he was submitting to EUGENE DENNIS that day a budget for the Southern Regional Committee of \$20,000 for the coming year. This budget, in the main, will consist of salaries of [ ] travel, literature, to be printed and work for the coming 50th Convention of the NAACP.

JACKSON implied that in the coming year, the Southern Regional Committee will concentrate on a Negro caucus which will consist of work among the Negro trade unionists and an attempt to get them more representation in the trade union field. Also, in this period, the Southern Regional Committee will strive to organize young Negro groups.

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- 1 - Norfolk (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Richmond (Info)(RM)
- 1 - San Antonio (Info)(RM)
- 1 - Savannah (Info)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON)(7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-91330) [ ] (7-6)
- 1 - New York (100-34032) (LOU BURNHAM)(12-11)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)(7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-131666-Sub O) (SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE)(7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-89590) (CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80644) (CP, USA, YOUTH MATTERS)(7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80640) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION)(7-5)
- ① - New York (134-91) (Inv.) (7-5)

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The Mobile Division is requested to ascertain the nature of [ ] trip, which undoubtedly will be to Montgomery, and so advise the NYO.

The New Orleans Division is requested to furnish the Bureau and NYO the nature of the action pending against [ ] in Louisiana, and whether there is any substance to the possible criminal charge against [ ] as noted by NY 694-S\*.

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All other offices receiving a copy of this communication are alerted to the possibility that this trip, being made by [ ] to Alabama, will include a tour of the various Southern CP districts.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-21785)(6)

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SAM BROWN  
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 9/11/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [ ] that informant had seen SAM BROWN on the afternoon of 9/11/58.

Informant advised that SAM BROWN stated that he has been very busy with the Russians this summer. (According to NY 694-S\*, this is a reference to BROWN's activity with Amtorg.)

BROWN informed the informant that he and SID TOBIAS are at the present time in the process of forming a business, which business will be in association with the Russians. BROWN indicated that this business is only in the "inception" stage at this time.

NY 694-S\* turned over to BROWN the miniature camera and film. (It is noted this camera was made available to NY 694-S\* by the NYO, inasmuch as informant had been instructed to purchase the camera and film by BROWN.) BROWN advised NY 694-S\* that he would attempt to turn this camera and film over to the Russians as soon as possible.

SAM BROWN commented to NY 694-S\* that FRANK COE may be back from abroad in a couple of weeks. BROWN stated that it was his opinion that if COE did come back he would come back because he had been advised by either the Russians or the Chinese to return to this country.

BROWN advised NY 694-S\* that he would be seeing more of the informant in the near future.

- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-62751 (SIDNEY TOBIAS) (12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-96778 (FRANK COE) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-21785 (6)

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-69253)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-30041)  
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ReNYairtels to Bureau, 9/11/58 and 9/23/58.

UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF  
THE INFORMANT.

On 9/29/58, NY 694-S\*, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, (conceal identity) orally furnished  
the following information to SAS [redacted]  
[redacted] and JAMES P. KEROE:

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The informant stated that he was active in obtain-  
ing birth certificates in NYC beginning about early 1934. He  
stated that he did not believe that he was responsible for the  
original idea of obtaining the birth certificates of deceased

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- 2 - Chicago (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (105-3147) (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (RM)
- 2 - Milwaukee (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-4334) (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - New York (105-6098) (JOHN NOVAK)
- 1 - New York (100-7954) (JOSEPH SCHALTAN)
- 1 - New York (134-91) (INV.)
- 1 - New York (105-30041)

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infants but that he did come up with the idea of utilizing the Genealogical Division of the NY Public Library to obtain the necessary information to get these birth certificates. He stated he came across the idea of the Genealogical Division while talking to other individuals about this matter who had no connection with the CP. This idea of going to the Genealogical Division was considered a veritable "gold mine" at this time.

The informant stated he went to Moscow in September of 1932 and returned to the US about November of 1933. Upon his return to the US he was waiting for a contact by his Soviet superior, who at that time was unknown to him. Upon being contacted by his Soviet superior, he was supposed to enter into a clandestine radio operation. In the meantime he discussed with EARL BROWDER and ROBERT WILLIAM WEINER the possibilities of obtaining birth certificates of deceased infants through the Public Library. While waiting, the informant would go to the Public Library, obtain some names of deceased infants, and subsequently obtain birth certificates in these identities. These certificates he gave to BROWDER and WEINER.

The project at this time did not proceed in full swing because he, BROWDER and WEINER were waiting for the informant's Soviet superior to contact him for the purpose of receiving approval for the project and obtaining money to pay the necessary expenses incidental thereto.

Eventually, sometime in 1934, the informant was contacted by an individual known to him as HENRY. (NY file 65-16608) HENRY approved of the informant's birth certificate project and instructed that he devote his talents to it and give the certificates to him. The informant is of the recollection that HENRY intimated that the birth certificates so obtained were forwarded by him to Moscow and were not for the use of American CP members but rather reserved for the use of the Soviets themselves.

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Informant stated that HENRY systemized this project and began asking for specific certificates, i.e., a certificate showing a man at that date to be about 37 or 41 or any other specified age.

With regard to the process of obtaining these certificates, the informant stated that to the best of his recollection they obtained the basic list of deceased infants through utilization of the birth and death index at the Genealogical Division of the NY Public Library and a review of old copies of the "New York Times," which are located at the entrance to the Genealogical Division.

The informant stated that he believed they began with the years around 1901 and went as high as 1914. He had no pattern in obtaining these names such as picking infants who died under one year of age, but picked deceased infants of various ages.

He obtained birth certificates for both males and females. However, the ratio would have been about one female certificate for every twenty-five male certificates. He further stated that he believed he limited himself to infants born in Brooklyn and Manhattan, as he has no recollection of obtaining birth certificates for infants born in Richmond, Queens, and Bronx Counties.

He stated that he went to the library by himself and was not accompanied by anyone. While at the library, he obtained lists of names of deceased infants and this list was known at the time as a bank or reserve. As a follow-through, he, himself, went in person to the Board of Health in NYC and applied for these birth certificates. He also arranged to have the certificates mailed to other CP members and in this case they would go in advance and place the name of a deceased infant on the mailbox of a Party member.

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They also had these certificates mailed to addresses where they knew there were no mailboxes and the mail was delivered to a table where it was laid out for the convenience of the occupants of the building.

The informant stated that the obtaining of the certificates themselves was not his primary responsibility but that he would do this in the beginning to see how it would work. Afterwards, other individuals were selected to go to the Board of Health in person and to have the certificates mailed to them.

The informant stated he did not need to know the names of the parents of the deceased infant but applied for the certificate by certificate number.

After he had been doing this for a few months, he found out that STEVE, whom he identified as J. PETERS, had also started a similar operation for obtaining birth certificates. He stated that PETERS' operation, he believed, began about the middle of 1934. He stated there was no conflict between his operation and PETERS' operation, that he turned his certificates obtained over to HENRY, and that he did not know where the certificates obtained by PETERS ended up.

In comparing the two operations, he stated that by the middle of 1934 the obtaining of birth certificates by him was not a full-time operation. He stated that PETERS' organization was doing this full time, and he had changed to doing this on a part-time basis for HENRY and also to obtaining what he termed "pure or clean" paper. (Pure or clean paper acquisition will be explained later in this communication.)

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In comparing the scope of operations, he stated that his was on a much smaller scale than PETERS and compared himself to an individual doing this while PETERS was an organization doing this.

He stated that to the best of his knowledge PETERS' operation in this regard went on until about 1937 or 1938 and he believed that around 1937 RUDY BAKER was also obtaining birth certificates of deceased infants but that he did not know if BAKER was a successor in the PETERS' operation or merely another person performing the same task.

He stated that he understood that the birth certificates utilized by the unknown subject in the RUBENS-ROBINSON Passport Case were the result of the J. PETERS' operation. He advised that he did not know this definitely but he did know that the certificates obtained in this operation were not obtained by him.

He estimated that through the Public Library in NYC he obtained about 400 to 500 birth certificates during the time he was so engaged. Informant could not estimate the extent of the birth certificate operation on the part of the Soviets but recalled that at one time the word came from Moscow to slow down the operation, as they could not keep up with it in the Soviet Union.

He stated that some of the certificates obtained were no good and explained this by stating that one which he obtained at the Board of Health after securing the name at the library turned out to be a stillborn and that this was noted on the certificate, thus making it void for their purposes. However, he had no way of ascertaining this at the NY Public Library.

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The informant stated that he specialized during the period 1934 to 1940 in obtaining pure or clean papers. The informant explained the term pure or clean papers by stating that there were occasions when an individual would have been born elsewhere than in the US but would have been residing in the US for a number of years under a given name, such as JOE BLOW. This individual might have stated at one time or another his parents' identity, that is their first names and where they were born, and would be living under this identity of JOE BLOW. It would then become necessary for this individual to show a birth in the US. Since it would be almost an impossibility to locate a birth certificate of a deceased infant with the name JOE BLOW whose parents would have the same first names as the subjects with a similar national background, it would be necessary to create a birth for this individual.

This would be accomplished by going to the Board of Health in a given community and by outright bribery having a record of birth inserted in the official records of that place.

The informant stated as an aside that the ROBERT WILLIAM WEINER birth in Atlantic City, N.J., was created by him. He stated that he accomplished this by approaching the clerk and offering him a \$50 bribe to make an insert into the records and that this was done. He stated the clerk had nothing to do with the Party and was under the impression that the identity was being created for some law breaker who was trying to evade apprehension by the police.

With regard to the creation of pure papers, the informant stated that he did this mainly in Chicago at the Cook County Court House. He stated that he did this through the cooperation of a clerk there by the name of TONY (LNU). He stated that TONY is now deceased and was doing this for the

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money involved and that he had no connection with the Party. He stated that he paid TONY a specified sum for each identity created and that this sum ranged around \$50 to \$200, according to the amount of work involved.

The informant recalled that one time he made a mistake of some type in creating a Chicago birth and that he cannot recall the type of mistake but that to cover it up it was necessary to go back and contact TONY and that TONY then destroyed a page of about 50 names of legitimate births to cover up the one false birth entered in the records.

With regard to Chicago, the informant recalled an incident whereby PETERS asked him to create an identity for a Croatian and he did and when it was finished, it was ascertained that by mistake he had created a Serb. He stated that PETERS was quite angry about this as he had paid \$200 for the creation of this identity. He believed that this took place about 1936.

The informant stated that he did this many times in Chicago but could not recall the number of times it was done or the identities of the persons involved. He stated the only thing he could recall was creating an identity of one (FNU) STEPHENS in Chicago through this method, but he could recall no details.

Later on in the interview the informant was viewing photographs made from the passport applications by the State Department and included in their list of known or suspected Communist individuals. Upon viewing the photograph of ARTHUR J. SOLTIN, who obtained Passport Number 468953 on 8/7/37, the informant exclaimed that is the individual I was telling you about in Chicago whose name I thought was STEPHENS. It is noted that the State Department card shows SOLTIN to have been born in Chicago, Ill., July 4, 1887.

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In this regard it is noted that ARTHUR SOLTIN is an alias of JOSEPH SCHALTAN, Chicago file 105-1356. It is noted that SCHALTAN was indicted in January, 1940, in NYC for violation of the US passport laws and according to the investigation conducted by the State Department, a false entry had been made on the birth records of Cook County, Ill. It was ascertained that this false entry was located in Entry Book 16 of the Cook County, Ill., Clerk's Office, Page 283, Entry 17005½. According to the State Department, they never ascertained the person who made this entry.

The informant stated he was also instrumental in creating and obtaining birth certificates in Milwaukee and Cleveland. He stated that the method of creating a birth certificate in Milwaukee and Cleveland differed from the method in Chicago in that in these two cities he would contact local Party people and have one of them write to the place where the birth certificates were maintained giving a name and a date of birth and requesting a copy of his birth record. They would pick a year in which they knew before hand the records for these two cities were not kept in good order. A letter would then be received by the individual writing stating that no record could be located for this birth and explaining the lack of proper record care at this time.

The individual would then follow the outline prescribed by the officials maintaining the birth certificates to have this birth certificate recorded. This would involve the submission of affidavits on the part of the person claiming the birth. They would then obtain false affidavits from other Party people, submit them, and in due time receive a copy of this birth certificate as recorded on the official records.

The informant stated that he believed he had probably utilized this technique in other cities but that he

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could not recall any other specific incidents. The informant stated that he also believed that the obtaining of birth certificates was being done in other cities by other persons but that he had no actual knowledge of this.

(It is noted that the CP has in the past utilized the technique of the affidavits in San Francisco, California, and Scranton, Pennsylvania, where in both cities the records on a certain date were destroyed by fire.)

The informant stated that while he was engaged full time in obtaining birth certificates through the NYC Public Library and Board of Health for only a short while, he continued to get them on a part-time basis for HENRY up until about 1937 or 1938.

During the period 1934 to 1940 he believed that he was the sole source of creating pure papers, as HENRY, WEINER, PETERS, and others whom he could not recall would come to him for these "tailor-made" jobs.

The informant did not know the identities of other individuals engaged in obtaining birth certificates outside of J. PETERS and RUDY BAKER. He stated that he did not know any individuals who were working for J. PETERS in this operation with the exception of BERNIE CHESTER, and he did not know whether RUDY BAKER was performing this function by himself or directing an apparatus.

The informant stated that he believed the birth certificates were used as the basis for obtaining passports and that other methods of proving citizenship to obtain a passport that he knew of were the following:

1. Obtaining the naturalization papers of dead CP members.

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2. Buying, renting or borrowing naturalization papers of other individuals.

3. Obtaining some type of a document from the Bureau of the Census which stated you were a citizen, although he did not know the details regarding this.

4. Reviewing the Congressional Record for instances of special acts of Congress granting citizenship to an individual and writing somewhere, details unrecalled, for a very "handsome and fancy" document attesting to this special citizenship.

The informant viewed all the photographs in the file made by the State Department during the RUBENS - ROBINSON Case entitled Suspected Communists. He effected several identifications of individuals under assumed names, and these will be the subject of separate communications after the information is disseminated to the case files of the individuals concerned.

While reviewing these photographs, the informant came across the photograph of one CHARLES EDWARD WALSH and stated this is JOHN NOVAK, who went to the radio school in Moscow and was assigned to Shanghai afterwards. I obtained this identity for him. I remember he came from around Pennsylvania, but I don't remember if the CHARLES EDWARD WALSH identity was that of an actual deceased infant or if I obtained it through submitting affidavits.

It is noted that the State Department photographic card on CHARLES EDWARD WALSH shows a date of birth as October 6, 1909, at Alexandria, Indiana, and that he obtained Passport Number 3751 (New York Series) on 6/14/32 and it was renewed on 5/22/34 at Shanghai, China.

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It is noted that the WALSH passport was issued in June of 1932 and that the informant left for Moscow in September of 1932 and claimed he went to the NY Public Library beginning in early 1934 to obtain the names of deceased infants. The informant could not recall how he got the identity of CHARLES EDWARD WALSH for NOVAK in 1932 but as previously stated, believed it was either a deceased infant or a birth created by affidavit. While he could not recall actually getting this identity for NOVAK, he felt sure that he was the one who did it; although this would indicate he was engaged in obtaining birth certificates prior to 1934, when he believes he started it.

In this regard it is noted that upon interview in 1954, NOVAK in recalling the details of his connection with the CP and the Soviets, stated that he was in NY and was going to leave for the Soviet Union and that he had been handled by NED SPARKS and the informant. He stated that while in NY, the informant went with him to an office of Western Union where the informant sent a telegram to some city in Indiana, possibly Gary, requesting a copy of the birth certificate for CHARLES WALSH and also sent money by wire to pay for the cost of this copy of WALSH's birth certificate. NOVAK stated this birth certificate was later received by the informant, but the only thing he could recall about it was that his passport was issued in the name of CHARLES WALSH and from information he received either from the informant or SPARKS, this CHARLES WALSH was dead and his father had been at one time connected with the CP.

In Indianapolis file 105-396 on JOHN NOVAK, they attempted in 1954 to locate a record of birth for CHARLES WALSH in Lake County, Indiana, with negative results.

From the above it can be assumed that the WALSH certificate was the basic idea for the obtaining of certificates

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of deceased infants, since it seems that WALSH was a dead infant and that this information came to the attention of the CP through his father.

LEADS

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will conduct investigation at the Cook County Clerk's Office to ascertain if it would be feasible to uncover all the births which were fraudulently entered in their records by the unknown clerk TONY, who is now deceased. It is noted that a logical starting point would be in the SOLTIN birth record set forth previously and a review of this should indicate the pattern of how this was done and, therefore, other examples of this pattern could be sought out.

Chicago will also provide the NYO with all details regarding the fraudulent insertion of this name.

CLEVELAND

At Cleveland, Ohio

Will make inquiry at the place where the official birth records are kept in the City of Cleveland to ascertain if they distinguish birth records inserted at a later date on the basis of affidavits from those duly recorded at the time of birth. If this is possible, Cleveland will attempt to ascertain all births inserted at a later date based on affidavit and set forth leads for appropriate investigation to uncover identities utilized by Soviet, Comintern or CP individuals.

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MILWAUKEE

At Milwaukee, Wis.

Will make inquiry at the place where the official birth records are kept in the City of Milwaukee to ascertain if they distinguish birth records inserted at a later date on the basis of affidavits from those duly recorded at the time of birth. If this is possible, Milwaukee will attempt to ascertain all births inserted at a later date based on affidavit and set forth leads for appropriate investigation to uncover identities utilized by Soviet, Comintern or CP individuals.

In reNYairtel, 9/23/58, leads were set forth for Milwaukee with regard to two birth certificates obtained from the City of Milwaukee. The present investigation should be worked in conjunction with the information set forth in reairtel.

INDIANAPOLIS

At Alexandria, Indiana

Will verify the birth of CHARLES EDWARD WALSH and will check the death records to ascertain the date of death of this individual and will check their indices re the WALSH family, the names of whom will probably be obtained from the birth and death records.

INDIANA will also attempt to ascertain if records of requests for birth records are maintained at Alexandria and if so, will obtain all information regarding any requests for copies of this certificate.

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For the information of Indianapolis, the NYC Board of Health notes on the back of the original certificate all requests made for a copy of this certificate.

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NY 694-S\* on 10/6/58 furnished SA [REDACTED] with a typewritten budget for the Southern Region, CPUSA, which informant had received from JAMES E. JACKSON on 10/3/58.

This budget was photostated and the original returned to NY 694-S\*.

Attached to the original copy of this memorandum is the photostat of the above described budget for the Southern Region.

① (134-91) (REV) 7-5  
1- (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) 7-5  
1- (100-131666)

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On 9/29/58, NY 694-S\* furnished SA [redacted] with two copies of "For Peace, Jobs, Civil Rights and Security - The Position of the Communist Party of Minnesota," a printed circular of that organization.

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One copy of the above is furnished the Bureau as an enclosure and another copy is being furnished the Minneapolis Office as an enclosure.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-17) (Encls. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (100-CP, USA, MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS DISTRICT) (Encls. 1) (RM)
- ① - New York (134-91) (7-5) (Inves.)
- 1 - New York (100-21958)

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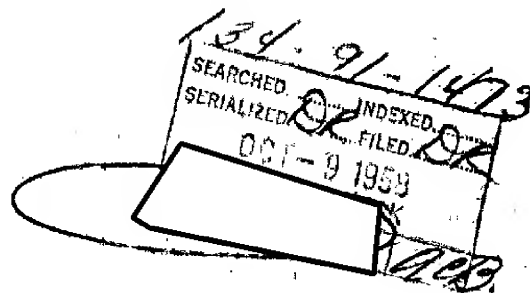
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- 1 - NY(134-91) (INV.) (7-5)
- 1 - NY(100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY(100-128314) (CPUSA DISTRICT 2 NYS FUNDS)
- 1 - NY(100-50983) (WILLIAM MARRON) (12-13)
- 1 - NY(100-50090) (SID STEIN) (7-5)
- 1 - NY(100-50806) (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) (7-5)
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On 10/2/58, Robert Thompson, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, advised NY 694-S\* as follows:

Bill Norman (William Marvon) has settled with the Party, returning \$18,000 of the \$25,000 in reserve funds which he had held for the NY State CP. ~~He~~ retained \$7,000.00 to reimburse himself for expenses, and for salary owed to him by the Party. He also returned the \$20,000.00 that had been posted as bail for him.

A similar settlement is being made with SID STEIN with respect to the bail money posted for him. He will retain \$3,000 or \$4,000 of the bail money for expenses.

George Blake Charney as yet has not returned the \$55,000.00 he owes the Party. He has been given two weeks to return the money.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

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On 10/6/58, NY 694-S\* reported to SA [redacted]  
[redacted] a meeting with ROBERT THOMPSON on 10/3/58, at  
which THOMPSON discussed the following:

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Despite the "troublesome inner situation" in  
its district, the New Jersey CP has succeeded in  
organizing two new auto units and one U.E. unit.

8-Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)  
    (1-100-3-89) (CP, USA - Strategy in Industry)  
    (1-100-3-76) (CP, USA - Youth Matters)  
    (1-100-3-88) (CP, USA - Factionalism)  
    (1-100-3-81) (CP, USA - International Relations)  
    (1-100-3-63) (CP, USA - Funds)  
    (1-100-3-102) (CP, USA - Funds) (Reserve Fund)  
1-Newark (100- ) (CP, USA - Strategy in Industry) (RM)  
3-Philadelphia (RM)  
    (1-100- ) [redacted]  
    (1-100- ) [redacted]  
2-Pittsburgh (RM)  
    (1-100- ) (STEVE NELSON)  
2-Detroit (100- ) (CP, USA - Funds (Reserve Fund)) (RM)  
    (1-100- ) (HELEN WINTER)  
2-San Francisco (100- ) ("People's World") (RM)  
    (1-100- ) (CP, USA - Factionalism) (RM)  
2-Los Angeles (100- ) (CP, USA - Factionalism) (RM)  
    (1-100- ) (DOROTHY HEALEY)  
2-Chicago (100- ) (CP, USA - Funds) (Reserve Fund) (RM)  
    (1-134-46) (CG 5824-S)  
1-New York (100-80644) (CP, USA - Youth Matters) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-86624) (CP, USA - International Relations) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-74560) (CP, USA - Funds) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-128861) (CP, USA - Funds (Reserve Fund)) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-19679) (ISIDORE WOFSEY) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-7658) (LEM HARRIS) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-64061) (JACK CHILDS) (7-5)  
1-New York (134-91) (PC) (INVEST) (7-5)  
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THOMPSON was very pleased with the recent East Coast Regional Youth Conference held in New York City. Those in attendance were between the ages of 18 and 25, and they were most enthusiastic to work in behalf of the Party. Three points were discussed at the conference:

1. The Party and its role;
2. youth problem as a whole;
3. the coming Youth Conference.

Inasmuch as the Party desires that "a better element" attend the next Youth Conference, the important question now is who shall attend the said conference. Much progress has been made among the young people in the past year, and although the statistics are not overwhelming, they are good. For example, whereas in Philadelphia a year ago there were only three young people, there are now eighteen.

As yet no Youth Secretary has been appointed. The person now in charge of Youth work is HYDNER, who organized the aforementioned East Coast Regional Youth Conference. In the near future there will be similar Youth Conferences in the West and Midwest.

In addition to the "bad situations" in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh where [redacted] and [redacted] of Philadelphia, and STEVE NELSON of Pittsburgh, are no longer suitable as Party leaders, "bad situations" likewise exist in Southern California and Northern California. In Northern California the "People's World" has become too independent of the Party, and in Southern California, DOROTHY HEALEY is the problem.

Although HEALEY does not control the majority of Southern California Party, she nevertheless has succeeded in seriously damaging the Party. In reply to a question from NY 694-S\* why HEALEY does not resign from the Party, THOMPSON said, "She would not dare leave the Party. Her mother wouldn't let her!" The CP's objective in Southern California is "to isolate HEALEY."

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A further problem of the Party, according to THOMPSON, is that as yet no one has been found who will assume the position of administrator - treasurer of the CP National Office. THOMPSON would like IRVING POTASH to work at the National Office, but he is puzzled by POTASH, who, after talking to THOMPSON and promising to confer with the latter again at an appointed time, never "shows up." THOMPSON is of the opinion that POTASH's action are attributable to his personal problems.

THOMPSON stated that MARY KAUFMAN, CP attorney, is considering a trip to Moscow where she would discuss "legal work and other items." THOMPSON suggested that when KAUFMAN definitely is prepared to travel, NY 694-S\* arrange for her to see "the right people" and "to go in the proper category." The informant interpreted this request to mean that THOMPSON desires that NY 694-S\* arrange through TIM BUCK, Canadian CP leader who maintains close liaison with the Soviets, for KAUFMAN to meet representatives of the CPSU.

NY 694-S\* inquired whether THOMPSON's suggestion had been approved by EUGENE DENNIS. THOMPSON replied in the affirmative, but, after a moments thought, said, "Let me talk to DENNIS again." The informant inferred that THOMPSON actually had not discussed this matter with DENNIS.

The informant asked whether ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG could not handle this matter. THOMPSON replied cryptically "Better not."

Referring to Party finances, THOMPSON stated that "dues are coming in slowly and the fund drive is slow." He said that the National Office is now receiving money from the N.Y. State CP in that "the State CP is beginning to pay its debt to the N.O."

With respect to the Reserve Fund Operation, THOMPSON said that the "Finance Committee" would be controlled by three individuals: ISIDORE WOFSY, LEM HARRIS, and JACK

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CHILDS. Working with the said committee would be a sub-committee, which would not know all the details of the Reserve Fund Operation. The finance Committee would confer with DENNIS and THOMPSON. In a week or so DENNIS and THOMPSON would confer with the Finance Committee regarding "the committee's agenda."

Mentioning WOFSY's decision to remain in the Reserve Fund Operation provided he be put on the payroll as a full time functionary, THOMPSON said WOFSY would be on the payroll of "New Century Publishers."

10/8/58

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-83)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FACTIONALISM  
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NY 694-S\* advised on 10/8/58, that on that date in conversation with JAMES JACKSON he learned that the CP would attempt to infiltrate the right wing meeting to be held 10/11, 12/58. JACKSON could furnish no information concerning the location of this meeting. It was JACKSON's opinion that [redacted] would stay away from the meeting. JACKSON further stated that this meeting would be led by SID STRIN and that even FRED FINE would keep in the background.

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JACKSON further stated that the Party is preparing a statement regarding the right wing and the left wing. This will be discussed at the National Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, 10/14/58.

FOOTER

3-Bureau (100-3-83) (RM)  
2-Chicago (RM)  
1-New York (100-136073) (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute  
1-New York (100-136073) (7-5) the CP, USA) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-89810) (FRED FINE) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)  
1-New York (100-17923) [redacted] (7-5)  
1-New York (100-87211)

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On 7/30/58, NY 694-Su advised SA [redacted] that he had a conversation with JAMES E. JACKSON, Secretary of Southern and Negro Affairs, CP, USA on that date.

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NY 694-Su advised that he learned from JACKSON that he, JACKSON, had recently been in Washington, D.C., to return bonds to MARQUE GOLDMAN. JACKSON said he attempted to re-obtain a portion of the bonds from GOLDMAN but was unsuccessful.

JACKSON commented that GOLDMAN was anxiously waiting the arrival of IRVING POTASH in Washington, D.C.

For information.

Field

- 3 - Washington (100- ) (IRVING POTASH) (RM)
- (1 - 100- ) (MARQUE GOLDMAN)
- 1 - New York (100-16785)
- ① - New York (134-91) (INVESTIGATIVE P and C)
- 1 - New York (100-46033)

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- 1 - NY (134-91 (INV.) (7-5)
- 1 - NY (100-81495) (HARRY HAYWOOD) (7-5)
- 1 - NY (100-110385) (OLGA AGOSTO) (7-5)
- 1 - NY (100-136078) (PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE TO RECONSTITUTE THE CP  
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- 1 - NY (100-16785)

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On 10/2/58, JAMES JACKSON, CPUSA Secretary for Southern and Negro Affairs, informed NY 694-S\* that he had applied for a passport two weeks ago. JACKSON indicated on the passport application that he intended to travel to France in October, 1958. He has been notified by the State Department that it is considering his application. NY 694-S noted that since JACKSON plans to attend the 21st CPSU Congress in Moscow in January, 1959, he probably would not leave the USA until shortly before that time.

JACKSON also mentioned that HARRY HAYWOOD and OLGA AGOSTO had been expelled from the "Ultra Left" group.

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TO : SAC, N.Y. (100-9352)

DATE: 10/7/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BERNARD MAGIL  
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On 9/30/58 NY 694-S\* advised SA [REDACTED] that he had learned that MAGIL had spent most of the summer on vacation at Turo, Massachusetts. Informant has not heard of any new employment for MAGIL, and expressed the opinion that MAGIL is probably unemployed.

The informant also advised that he had learned from JAMES JACKSON that the Party plans to call MAGIL in and ask him for an accounting of his activities, particularly with regard to his writing and circulating his article on the "Yugoslav Question."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47736)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1793)  
SUBJECT: JAMES JACKSON  
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Re NY airtel dated 8/22/58 captioned "ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, IS - C."

On 10/10/58 NY-694-S\* reported that on the previous day in a discussion with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, the latter commented that he is occasionally contacting "IVANOV, 2nd Press Secretary of the Polish Embassy." IVANOV supposedly has an office in the IN Building, according to JACKSON. IVANOV replaced the former First Secretary of the Polish Embassy who returned to Poland several months ago and has not returned. He allegedly spent four years in Canada and only recently came to the USA.

A check of the "Diplomatic List dated August, 1958, of the Department of State" and a check of the "List of Employees of Diplomatic Missions Not Printed in the Diplomatic State List" dated July, 1958, reflected no information regarding IVANOV as being connected with either the Polish Embassy or the Polish UN Delegation. According to the informant, JACKSON exhibited to him IVANOV's business card reflecting him to be associated with the Polish Embassy. Informant was unable to note the first name of IVANOV on the card.

The Bureau's attention is directed to airtel wherein is reported a contact by TRACHTENBERG of an individual

- 2 - Bureau (100-47736) (RM)
- (1 - 105-37428 BORIS N. IVANOV)
- 1 - New York 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(7-)
- 1 - New York 105-28407 (BORIS N. IVANOV)(17)
- (1 - New York 134-91 (Inv.)(7-))
- 1 - New York 100-1793

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identified as DORIS M. IVANOV. NY files reflect DORIS M. IVANOV to be the Second Secretary of the Soviet Delegation to the UN who was recently appointed Press Attache. Further, that IVANOV had formerly served in Canada.

It is apparent from the basic information that the contact of FRACHINUS is identical with the contact of JACKSON. The informant in attempting to resolve the inconsistency in the information received from JACKSON that IVANOV is a Pole.

Bureau will be immediately advised.

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Date: 10/9/58

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FACTIONALISM  
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NY-694-S\* advised SA [redacted] on 10/9/58 that JAMES E. JACKSON, Secretary of Negro and Southern Affairs, CP, USA, was to go to Philadelphia over the coming week end (10/11-12/58), with a view toward lending guidance to the Philadelphia party in the situation evolving around [redacted]

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It is possible JACKSON may attempt to bring pressure upon the Philadelphia party to take drastic action relative to these individuals.

The Philadelphia Office is requested to cover JACKSON's activities over the forthcoming week end through established sources.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-3-88) (RM)
- 4 - Philadelphia (RM)
  - (1 - 100- [redacted])
  - (1 - 100- [redacted])
- 1 - New York 100-80641 (CP USA ORGANIZATION)(7-5)
- 1 - New York 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)(7-5)
- (1) - New York 134-91 (Inv.)(7-5)
- 1 - New York 100-87211 (7-5)

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To : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) Date: OCT 13 1958  
From : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)  
Subject: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION  
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NY-694-S\*, a highly valuable source whose security must be protected, advised SA [redacted] on 10/6/58 that JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary in charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, made the following comments:

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- 2 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (RM)
  - (1 - 100- CP USA FACTIONALISM)
- 4 - Philadelphia (RM)
  - (1 - 100- [redacted])
  - (1 - 100- [redacted])
  - (1 - 100- CP USA FACTIONALISM)
- 3 - Pittsburgh (RM)
  - (1 - 100- [redacted])
  - (1 - 100- CP USA FACTIONALISM)
- 1 - New York 100-87211 (CP USA FACTIONALISM) (7-5)
- 1 - New York 100-80640 (CP USA NEGRO QUESTION) (7-5)
- 1 - New York 100-136078 (PROV. COM. RECONST. CP USA) (7-5)
- 1 - New York 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
- 1 - New York 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- ① - New York 134-91 (P & C) (Inves.) (7-5)
- 1 - New York 100-80641 (7-5)

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At a recent meeting in NYC of the resident members of the CP, USA National Executive Committee, it was unanimously agreed that the only way "to clarify the Philadelphia situation" is to remove [ ] and [ ] from the Philadelphia CP leadership. It was estimated that there may be fewer than 50 people active in the Philadelphia district.

In Philadelphia the Ultra-Left was successful in "pulling out" of the Party an entire section composed almost entirely of Negroes. The Party feels that this defection was not due to any "deep political differences," but rather to the fact that the people in the section were dissatisfied because Negro work was at a standstill. The CP believes that by exposing and fighting the Ultra-Left, they may entice these people to return to the Party.

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The opinion of the NEC is that [ ] and [ ] are "confused" and unable to cope with the Ultra-Left group in Philadelphia.

In Pittsburgh a different situation exists. By reason of the inactivity of the Party there, attributable to [ ] and his group, the rank and file of the Pittsburgh Party have become demoralized. To improve the situation in Pittsburgh, ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, proposes to transfer [ ] to Chicago. So far [ ] has refused to go, but unless he does, the Party will take "direct action" against him.



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